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Volume 21.

Collegeville, Pa., Thursday, January 16, 1896.

Whole Number: 1073

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TRAPPE, Pa. Office at his residence, nearly
opposite Masonic Hall.

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HARVEY L. SHOMO,
Attorney at Law,
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my care promptly attended to. The
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Vocal & Instrumental Music,
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dence: Evansburg, Pa. 18cc.

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The different Philadelphia papers delivered
to those wishing to purchase in Collegeville and
Trappe, every Sunday morning.
HENRY YOST, News Agent.
Collegeville, Pa.

JOHN T. WAGNER,
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domesticated animals treated. The dehoring
of cattle attended to. 17jan.

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Contracts for all kinds of buildings executed.
Estimates cheerfully furnished. 29ma.

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Collegeville Meat Store!
Beef, Veal, Mutton, Pork, and Dried Meats
always on hand.
Patrons served from wagon every Tuesday,
Thursday and Saturday. 29no.

LITERARY.
CONDUCTED BY
FRANCES G. MOSER.

WHITTIER?
From the German of Muller.
I heard a brooklet gushing
From its rocky fountain near,
Down into the valley rushing,
So fresh and wondrous clear.

I know not what came o'er me,
Nor who the consul gave;
But I must hasten downward,
All with my pilgrim-stave;
Downward, and ever farther,
And ever the brook beside;
And ever fresher murmured,
And ever clearer the tide.

Is this the way I was going?
Whither, O brooklet, say!
Thou hast, with thy soft murmur,
Murmured my senses away.
What do I say of a murmur?
That can no murmur be;
'Tis the water-nymphs, that are singing
Their roundelay under me.

Let them sing, my friend, let them murmur,
And wander merrily near;
The wheels of a mill are going
In every brooklet clear. —Longfellow.

The Ladies' Every Saturday, a very
attractive and ably edited weekly for
women, published in Philadelphia,
has reduced the subscription price
from \$3.00 to \$1.00. This change was
effected with the first number of the
year 1896. For the present it will
be issued as a sixteen page paper, to be
increased in size and improved in
quality as the success of the enterprise
warrants. It seems almost incredible
that a first-class journal, appearing
weekly, can be published at this
marvelously low price. The publishers
answer this by the fact that the cir-
culation of the paper has increased so
rapidly as to make the change
possible.

In the Norristown Weekly Herald,
of Monday, January 6, there is an
exceedingly interesting narration of
the life of Abraham Harley Cassel,
the well-known antiquarian of Lower
Salford, as told by Mr. Cassel himself,
and written by Mr. Elwood Roberts,
of the Herald editorial staff. Mr.
Cassel is assuredly one of the most re-
markable of Montgomery county's
great men, and his library, the collec-
tion of a life time, is a rarity indeed,
numbering at least 50,000 books and
pamphlets. The following is an ex-
tract of the sketch from that part of
the story in which Mr. Cassel speaks
of his books:

"I have paid as high as a hundred
dollars for a single volume, a dollar
and over for a pamphlet, or a rare
almanac, of which I have nearly a
complete collection of all published in
America from 1714, numbering over a
thousand copies. Also a complete
collection of the newspapers and other
periodicals published in America, be-
sides a great many foreign, from
Europe, Asia and Africa, including
China and Japan, numbering over
eight thousand specimens, also files or
bound volumes of the earliest that
were printed here from 1739 onwards.
Nearly all the different editions of the
early printed Bibles, including the
different translations from A. D. 1470,
numbering over fifty quarto folios,
also a very good copy of the very rare
Aiken Bible, for which the British
Museum recently offered \$500, and
three editions of the Christopher Saur,
4th, Bible and first edition of the King
James English Bible, a huge folio
printed in 1611. Also a complete col-
lection of the Franklin, Saur, Ephrata
and other early American imprints
that was ever yet, to my knowledge,
brought together at one place, besides
about 10,000 volumes of miscellaneous
books, many of which were very rare
and curious, dating from 1520 to the
present time. My collection also em-

braces about 12,000 pamphlets, many
of which are extremely rare and over
350 years old, besides a very extensive
collection of the various religious
tract societies' publications. Also the
Sunday School literature of Europe
and America almost from their first
origin, which were never numbered,
but am safe in saying that my entire
collection would have reached at least
50,000, titles unique in kind and
especially rich in documents and
manuscripts relating to our early local
history.

"The fame of these attracted visitors
from different States, including pro-
fessors and students, authors and
editors, doctors and lawyers; J. L. Ds.
and D. Ds. were here often for whole
days reading and writing out extracts
for their various purposes. It was re-
garded by them as a great store house
of information; they often envied me
for being the possessor of such treas-
ures, and on account of being so
well read I was flattered by many as
being a walking library; a living
encyclopedia, etc., which introduced me
into some of the best society, where
neither wealth nor fashioned ruled. I
was also nominated an honorary mem-
ber of several historical and anti-
quarian societies, unknown and un-
expected. By these several opportunities
I soon became acquainted with the
leading men of the times, especially
with authors and lecturers, and being
in the field now for over fifty years my
acquaintance has become so extensive
that I could not begin to enumerate
them, but it accounts for having many
books and pamphlets which would
otherwise never have found their way
into my collection but for my fami-
liarity with their authors."

A correspondent writes: Sarah
Grand's devotion to American authors
impressed me at once, when she ad-
mitted that from Bret Hart she had
learned much indeed. She said: "My
white faculty for keen observation has
been developed by his writings." She
has books for every mood, and knows
Emerson from cover to cover, turning
to sympathetic chapters readily, thus
showing that the well-thumbed book,
which she declared is always at her
bedside, is very dear to her.

She tells such amusing stories about
hearing Sarah Grand attacked by the
people who had not caught her name
at the introduction. A quaint, old-
fashioned dowager, seated alongside of
her recently at a five o'clock, "at
home," said: "My dear, that dreadful
woman, Madame Grand, is here, they
tell me. Now, of course I shall recog-
nize her because she will be loud in
dress, talk a great deal, and be utterly
'impossible.' I am sure there she is,"
continued the dowager, as she pointed
to a woman answering that description,
while the real Sarah Grand, in her
quiet, artistic frock, with amusement
heard herself abused.

"Did you tell her eventually who
you were?" was eagerly asked by a
listener to the story.
"No, I could not. I do like old ladies,
and she would have felt so uncomfort-
table if I had undeceived her. You see,
I was a perfect coward, for I hurried
away, leaving her to abuse the 'impos-
sible' woman who was in the corner." —
Ladies' Every Saturday.

Published by Special Request.
**WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT IT,
AND HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?**

A PAPER READ BY EDITOR J. O. K. ROBERTS
AT THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE AT SANA-
TOGA, JANUARY 8, 1896.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gen-
tlemen.—We find in this world, about
equally divided as to numbers, two
classes of people, the one known as
optimists, the other pessimists; those
who look upon everything almost as
being lovely, and, per contra, those
who see nothing but the dark side.

I do not know but that the class
that can see flowers where there are
none, who look about them with eyes
brimful of allowance for things as they
are, radiant with belief that they might
be worse, and feeling assured a bet-
ter day is coming, wait a little longer, is
not the happier. But to make up, to
complete, to balance affairs on this
mundane sphere, it may be true that
both classes are needed, the growler
as well as the apologist, the class who
will not be comforted, the one that
will.

You will notice, ladies and gen-
tlemen, and Mr. Chairman, that the pro-
gramme maker of this Institute was
pessimistic in so far as my identity
and participation in the doings of this
day are concerned. In the first place
he took unbridled license with my
name, and secondly, he chose for me
what I should say upon a subject that
the majority of you know more of than
I, to wit: "The Pleasures of a
Country Life."

I can agree with the most optimistic
of you as to the pleasures of a country
life, but I could not reconcile myself
to the task of again telling you so.
Therefore I have laid out a new task,
and have resolved to talk to you a few

minutes only as a pessimist, a growler
if you please, and hence my caption
to this paper, "What do you think
about it, and how do you like it?"

In the year of our Lord 1839 there
was a political cyclone in this country.
Voters appeared to lose their heads
and went pell-mell for a big, fat man
for President. The slump was so
general that almost everybody, irre-
spective of politics, felt that the ver-
dict must be right; that the party
knocked out surely deserved it, and
the successful one thus strangely re-
stored to full power, would make the
country and all its interests blossom
like a rose. Hava they? What do
you think about it?

Can you tell me how that great and
glorious victory has benefited any-
body but the political mongers and
the money changers?

Well, but two years elapsed and
there was a tremendous revulsion; the
other fellows knocked those in power
into the middle of next week, and
counted for themselves a majority of
140 in the lower house at Washington.
That was another glorious victory; it
again our hats rent the air gleefully.
Do you find any improvement because
of this great flop? Is your land
more valuable, your cows, your
horses, your milk, butter, wheat, corn
or potatoes?

Are not the politicians on top, hold-
ing on, drawing bigger salaries than
ever, more of them to draw them than
ever, and the banks paying lovely
dividends on their stocks and piling
up surpluses that make one giddy to
contemplate?

I was in a bank in this county re-
cently doing a business on \$200,000
capital, that has a surplus of \$250,000.
Doubtless that institution pays fat
dividends to its stockholders; its oper-
ations are compressed into days
of six hours' duration, all holidays
and Sundays observed, and its officials
and subordinates are well paid. How
is it with you who till the land, who
are the foundation and spinal column
of the nation? How about the capital
you invested 30 years ago in your
farms; is it intact? Have you more
of a surplus than the amount invested?
Have you got along with six hours'
work, all holidays and Sundays off
duty? Have you been able to dress
in your Sunday-go-to-meetings all
the time, are your hands soft as woman's?
If not why not? What do you think
about it, and how do you like it?

Do you ever slide off during the
beated term to a Gray Gables and
put in eight or ten solid weeks loafing
and fishing? Do you sneak off in a
light house tender with a lot of boon
companions to shoot ducks? If not why
don't you?

We had a glorious victory in Penn-
sylvania in 1894, when we made the
hero of Johnstown Governor of this
Commonwealth by a majority of
241,397. How happy we were at the
thought that the bad fellow then in
office would have to give place to the
nameless of that other hero of den of
lions fame.

The bad fellow got out at the prop-
er time and Daniel went in, and with him
a great majority of the same political
faith. Were the results glorious?
Let's see: We now pay 14 cents for
kerosene to 7 cents the price before
our hero signed the bill permitting the
consolidation of the pipe lines that the
bad Governor had vetoed. When we
are in Philadelphia now we pay 60 per
cent. on an average more for street
car riding, for a similar reason:
Daniel signed a bill permitting the
consolidation of the companies that
the aforesaid bad man would not agree
to. What do you think about it?

I cut this from a daily paper:
ST. LOUIS, Jan. 2.—Governor and
Mrs. Hastings, of Pennsylvania, ac-
companied by Attorney General Mc-
Cormick, Colonel Spangler and their
ladies, and Dr. McGowan, all of Har-
risburg, arrived here last night. They
are on their way to Hot Springs, Ark.,
and will remain in the Union Station
and the party will make their head-
quarters in it during their stay.

And ladies and gentlemen, how do
you like that? This \$10,000 a year
Governor and a junketing party off to
the Hot Springs, Arkansas, in a
special car. Ten to one the entire
party, special car, grub and lemonade,
are all donated by a railroad company.
Why? These companies play such
tricks on those in power; do they ever
do it to you? No sooner is a man
elected to the Senate of our State or
the House than one or more railroads
tender him the compliments of the
season in the shape of a pass. Why?
His office brings him \$1500 a year.
He is better able than ever before to
pay his fare, but the railroads won't
let him if they can help it, and in ad-
dition his family and political wire
pulls are in the swim, too? What do
you think about it?

Dr. George W. Atherton, the presi-
dent of State College, an institution
that secured an appropriation of \$200,
000 from the last Legislature, is in the
city. By a wise administration and
the exercise of rare executive ability,

Dr. Atherton has practically made
State College all it is to-day. There
are now 310 students and 43 instruc-
tors and the endowment reaches
\$517,000. It is Dr. Atherton's great
desire to have State College reach the
proportions of a university, and as a
step in that direction the new term
begins with a dean at the head of each
department. The college grounds in-
clude over 300 acres, and the collection
of buildings is very impressive to a
visitor.

So said a Philadelphia paper last
week.

Dr. Atherton is credited with being
the most accomplished lobbyist in this
State. With an endowment of more
than half a million dollars, why should
the people of the State contribute
\$200,000 or \$100,000 a year for the
maintenance of State College. This
extract says there are 310 students
and 43 instructors. That is to say
there is an instructor for every 7.2
students. One hundred thousand dol-
lars, divided by 310 students, gives an
average cost for each student to the
State of \$322 a year. If we are cor-
rectly informed the State College
should be able to afford to buy but-
ter instead of oleomargarine with
which to do its cooking. Ladies and
gentlemen, what do you think about
it, and how do you like it?

But our Daniel and his loyal hosts
did not stop at trifles. They did all
they could to take the Agricultural
department of the State out of our
hands; they appropriated \$49,000 a
year to this department, of which the
head gets \$3,500, his deputy \$3,000,
an economic zoologist, commissioner
of forestry, dairy and food commis-
sioner, and state veterinarian each
with a salary of \$2,500 and traveling
expenses, besides numerous well paid
clerks. How do you like it?

This is not all. The cost of run-
ning the State departments above is
increased more than \$800,000, that of
the judiciary \$145,000, of the Legisla-
ture \$57,000. None of the items in-
clude \$32,000 spent in the Heller-
Lanbach Senatorial election case.

The salary of the Superintendent of
Public Grounds and Buildings was in-
creased from \$1,400 to \$3,000 to please
a favorite, and several new places pro-
vided for under him.

One of your distinguished citizens
was appointed to office after serving
two terms in another, and his salary
was increased from \$2,500 to \$4,000.

The State Treasurer was allowed an
assistant cashier, salary \$2,200; a bill
creating a deputy secretary of internal
affairs, salary \$3,000, was passed; this
also provided for two additional
draughtsmen, salary of each, \$1,400.
The Auditor General was given a
deputy at \$3,000 a year, and the Sup-
erintendent of Public Instruction a
stenographer at \$1,000. Seven new
Judges were legalized at \$7,500 a year
each, four others at \$4,000 a year, and
\$8,000 was appropriated for a roving
commissioner to inquire into the sub-
ject of convict labor and report at the
next session. The most meritorious
act, if not about the only one, was the
appointment of the Senate Investiga-
ting Committee, for which no appropri-
ation was made.

What do you think about all this
extravagance with potatoes selling for
15 cents a bushel in Albany township,
Berks county?

Thirty years ago there was not a
trust company in Philadelphia; now
there are more than that many. One
of the oldest of them has a capital of
two million and a surplus of like
amount. But for all that the papers
of that city are frequently crowded
with the advertisements of sheriff sales.

Week before last I passed on my
way south a U. S. fleet of four vessels
anchored off Fortress Monroe. One
of them, the New York, a brass
band was playing. I was told those
four ships cost this country twelve
million dollars, that to maintain them
will cost at least a million annually.
How do you like it?

At Hampton, Va., I visited the
Soldiers' Home, a government institu-
tion. There are 3000 veterans there.
They are found in everything, and
nearly all are paid pensions beside.
One of the buildings is a "Beer Hall,"
where those old men can guzzle as
long as they have a nickel to spend.
An inmate told me that nine out of
ten of those men are drunkards, and I
have no doubt of it. What do you
think about it?

The President of this country re-
fused to countenance the Cuban revo-
lutionists, failed to try for protection
for the Christians of Armenia, but
threatened England with war about
the Venezuelan matter. How patri-
otic the nation was! Every one of us
became a twister of the lion's tail. In
a jiffy \$100,000 was appropriated by
Congress for a commission to investi-
gate. Think of it. Would not that
sum divided among twenty hard work-
ing farmers of this county save them
from the sheriff?

Our wise men at Washington have
legislated into a muddle; I hold in
my hand a silver dollar coinage 1795,

upon its rim I read "One hundred
cents, one dollar or unit." Our wise
law-makers say those words are lies;
that it is not a dollar, only about fifty
cents. In this manner they have
chipped off the value of just about
half of all our solid money.

The old man of the sea in the White
House is a stickler for "sound money,"
a gold standard. During the past three
years he has borrowed \$162,000,000 of
gold. Upon the last \$62,000,000 his
boon companions in New York, aided
by some English shylocks, got those
bonds for 104 that are now selling in
market for \$117. There was a clean
\$10,000,000 steal in that deal.

There is likely to be a bigger steal
than that. Look out for it.

Who own the first mortgages on our
railroads? England. Who has in-
vested \$90,000,000 in our breweries
and other dividend paying concerns?
England. Who is the chief instigator
of a single gold standard? England.
And why? So that she can control
the commerce of the world.

Why then aid her in weaving a
golden band about us while we object
to her occupation of a wilderness in
South America inhabited by a lot of
mongrel cut throats?

Why pay his gold for our bonds
when gold is not mentioned in them?
Why should not greenbacks, the
money we paid our soldiers all through
the late war, or our silver dollars be
good enough for any Englishman
be Jew or Gentile? What do you
think about it?

What, ladies and gentlemen, do you
propose to do about these things; will
you see your property frittered away;
will you allow the shylocks of the land
to control legislation for their own
selfish benefit? Can you expect your
interests to be taken care of when you
place them in the keeping of 238
lawyers in Congress to 41 of your own
calling?

Have you protested against this ex-
travagance of your own Legislature,
against the doings of the money
barons of the land, against the great
city dailies that are subsidized by
them?

Are you agreed that half the solid
money of the land shall lie idle in the
vaults of the nation to please the
bankers who create a scarcity of gold
by hoarding it, who ring in the Presi-
dent and his Secretary of the Treasury
to make the yellow metal this stand-
ard of value?

What do you think of the shylocks
marching up to the U. S. Treasury
with greenbacks, drawing out gold,
and those you have elected as your
servants without any law to back
them paying gold for them when they
could equally as well pay silver?

And what can you think of those
men, after allowing this thing to be
done throwing themselves into the
arms of a set of British Jews in order
that gold reserve may be maintained
at \$100,000,000, a limit also without
authority of law, and paying them
\$10,000,000 bonus for \$62,000,000?

Is there any sense, ladies and gen-
tlemen, in this nation going to war
with great Britain for fear she is going
to appropriate a few acres of swamp
land in Venezuela, while the men who
get up the war scare and incite us to
patriotic deeds are hand in glove with
the same nation to rob us on the line
of the gold swindle?

I read in to-day's paper as follows:
"In a special car which left Broad St.
Station at midnight were Secretary of
the Commonwealth Reeder, Auditor
General Mylin, State Treasurer Jack-
son, Secretary of Internal Affairs
Latta, ex-State Treasurer Boyer, and
John A. Glenn, who were on their way
to St. Lucie, Florida, to spend two
weeks as the guests of Senator Quay,
who, with Lieutenant Governor Lyon,
was to join the party at Washington.
Superintendent of Banking Gilkeson,
who was to have accompanied the
politicians, was prevented from going
by the sickness of a member of his
family."

Every one mentioned here with one
exception is under pay either by the
general government or the State of
Pennsylvania. While on this junket-
ing trip their salaries will go on, and
when the time comes they will step up
to the cashier's desk and receive full
pay. What do you think about it,
and how do you like it?

Do you ever have such snaps as
these?

There is a State officer to-day, a
leading writer for a great Philadelphia
newspaper with a salary of four or
five thousand a year, who draws about
the same amount for his official duties
attended to by subordinates.

Is there a farmer in Pennsylvania
making four or five thousand a year
by agricultural methods, with a four
or five thousand dollars' political pull
in addition? And if not why not?

Don't you think, ladies and gen-
tlemen, it would be well for you to look
at some things you overlook?

Did this matter of double salary, of
excessive charging by your county
officials ever appeal to your consider-

ation?
Don't you think that it would be
well for you to turn aside now and
then from the flowers to look after the
weeds? If not why not?

IF YOU WOULD SEE.

Don't read books printed on thin
paper.
Don't hold the reading close to the
eyes.
Don't select your own glasses at the
out-set.

Don't read by flickering gaslight or
candlelight.
Don't read in railway trains or in
vehicles in motion.
Don't read lying down or in a con-
strained position.

Don't read books which have no
space between the lines.
Don't study at night, but in the
morning, when you are fresh.

Don't read for more than fifty
minutes without stopping, whether the
eyes are tired or not.

**HONESTY AWARDED IN THIS
LIFE.**

"The case presented in last night's
paper of a reward of \$10 being paid
for the return of \$50 reminds me of a
similar anecdote—only different," said
the ancient New England member of
the club this morning. "It happened
in Providence, R. I., forty years ago,
when the city contained but one
millionaire, who was an old Scotchman,
named Alexander Duncan. One day
Mr. Duncan, in leaving his office, drop-
ped a large roll of bank notes in the
street. They escaped his eye, but not
that of the small boy who is around
everywhere, and who pounced upon
the bills immediately. The roll con-
tained \$50. When Mr. Duncan re-
ceived it he eagerly counted the money,
and finding it correct, he turned to the
boy and said: 'Thank ye, my little
man.' Then noticing the look of
dismay in the poor lad's countenance,
he felt in his trousers pocket and
fished out a coin, which he handed to
the finder of his wealth. And the
coin represented what do you think?"

"Five dollars."
"A dollar."
"A half dollar."
"A quarter of a dollar."
"Just half of that. It was an old
Spanish coin that we used to call a
nineniece in New England and that
you call a shilling in New York. In
other words, it was 12½ cents which
Alexander Duncan, the millionaire of
Providence, paid to the honest boy
who found

It is announced that Dr. John Todd, of Pottstown, is an applicant for the appointment of United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

The time is at hand when voters should seriously consider the important matter of selecting the best men available to fill the various local offices, for assuredly good government should always begin at home.

The result of the Republican primary election in Philadelphia Tuesday evening is a decisive victory for the anti-combine forces.

JUDGE HUNT, of the Supreme Court of Montana, has fully warmed up to the issue and is for Don Cameron for President "first, last and all the time" on account of his attitude on the silver question.

The interesting statement is made on the authority of the Comptroller of the Currency, that there are in the United States 9,000,000 individual bank depositors.

POLITICAL SAGACITY is a quality of the human intellect that frequently exerts much power either for the advancement of the public good, or the reverse.

The public schools of the city require no reform more than the presence of women on the sectional boards.

A very serious blunder was made, a blunder which will have far-reaching results, if a failure to do this leads to a separate independent canvass by women for election to these boards.

The Civic Club now, as a year ago, has presented in a number of wards the names of women thoroughly competent, public spirited and experienced whose nomination and election will mean reform and better management of the schools.

Very good! And the inexorable logic of the above paragraphs is as strong an argument in favor of woman suffrage as can well be adduced without considering the question concretely.

FINANCE, NATIONAL AND PERSONAL. "No," said the man who picks up bits of wisdom wherever he can, "I never like to hear Blykins start out to show how all the indebtedness of the country can be liquidated and financial affairs put into shape at short notice."

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 10, 1896. —There is no exaltation among the silver men in Congress over the reporting of a bill for the free coinage of silver to the Senate as a substitute for the House bond bill.

Bits About Venezuela. Eight States are in the Union. The population of Venezuela is 2,121,998.

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and, of course, all the world knows that President Cleveland would take especial pleasure in vetoing a free coinage bill, should it by any possibility ever succeed in reaching him.

The members of the Venezuelan Boundary Commission are engaged in the preliminary work of their investigation. The headquarters of the commission will be in Washington, and it may be that its work can all be done without leaving the city, but circumstances will decide that.

The sessions of the House this week have been very short, most of the work done being in committee rooms. A member of the House committee on Territories said this week: "No one can tell at this time what will be done by Congress, but it is my opinion that enabling acts will be passed at this session authorizing Statehood for New Mexico, Arizona, and Oklahoma, and that Indian Territory will be placed under a regular Territorial form of government."

In a speech strongly attacking the Supreme Court decision against the income tax, which he declared was a "matter of surprise—of surprise to every intelligent lawyer in the country, and especially to those of us in Congress, who were engaged in formulating the legislation," Senator Vest used some language against the domination of the gold kings, and in favor of the free coinage of silver.

According to Senator Mills, of Texas, the Republicans adopted the Democratic idea of a tariff for revenue only, when they put the tariff bill through the House that is now in the Senate, but neither Mr. Mills, nor any other Democratic Senator, has announced his intention to vote for the bill.

Several representatives of free Cuba are here trying to get the benignity of the revolutionists recognized by this government. They have documentary evidence in plenty showing the strength of the Cubans, and the little news that has come from Cuba this week has been greatly to their favor.

EX-PRESIDENT BENJAMIN HARRISON will discuss "The Presidential Office" very comprehensively in his "This Country of Ours" series in forthcoming February Ladies' Home Journal. He will detail the provisions and methods of electing a Chief Magistrate, and will have much to say bearing upon the eligibility of a President for re-election; will give his views as to the length of the Presidential term, and express rather decided opinions relative to the annoyance to which Presidents are subjected from office-seekers.

Needn't be a Hurry. Inasmuch as the English sparrow, the Russian thistle and the German opera have all obtained a foothold in this country it does not look as if Uncle Sam need be in a hurry about taking sides in the present European controversy.

BEGINNING EARLY is half the battle. Don't wait for your cough to run into Consumption. There's always danger of it. The germs or seeds of this disease are all around you. All that they want is an inactive liver and the serf-satisfaction condition that follows it, to develop them.

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Great Men Agree. From the Chicago Record. Speaker Reed's opinion that the country should not be disturbed by radical legislation during this session is even more warmly endorsed by Presidential Candidate Reed.

Divorce is a Necessity. From the New York Recorder. Divorce is a necessity of our social system, but surely not an institution to be encouraged by mercenary temptations. A law which gives to every wife a commercial motive for seeking a divorce decree is unquestionably a bad law, and should be repealed.

U. S. Cereal Statistics for 1895. The estimates by States and Territories of area, product, and value of the principal cereal crops of the United States for 1895, made by the statistician of the Department of Agriculture, are given as follows: Corn, area, 82,075,830; product, 2,151,139,000; value, \$557,509,000; yield per acre, 56.2 bushels.

Markley's Grand Depot. And rest assured you are making the right start. Furniture.—Oak Bedroom Suits at \$15.00 and upwards to \$90.00. Parlor Suits from \$15.00 upwards. We must make room.

LITERARY NOTES. In the leading article of the January Month Prof. Mach of Vienna considers the large part which chance has played in invention and discovery. He shows that many of the greatest discoveries in science and the arts are due to the chance observation of some seemingly insignificant accidental circumstance.

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Morgan's Resolution. Senator Morgan seems to be possessed of the foolish notion that because the people of the United States are united for the maintenance of what they regard as a policy necessary to the welfare of the country, they are willing to go all over the world mixing up in foreign affairs with which they have no business.

War No Benefit to Us. From the Boston Globe. A great European war might temporarily help this country, as it would draw a vast amount of men from the ordinary channels of industry and thus create a demand for our manufactures.

Making a Right Start. Is what so much concerns or should be the chief concern of every one at this season of the year when new resolutions are made. One of them should be to deal at

Unshin Special.—2000 yards good weight Unshin Muslin, to arrive this week. Will go at 5c. per yard, worth 8c.

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Kulp Brothers, Gratersford. On Saturday, January 11, and until the following Saturday, January 18, we will close out the remainder of our Christmas Goods

Below Cost, in order to get room for our New Spring Stock. There are also many other bargains besides Christmas Goods.

Blankets.—Nearly the entire stock that is left to be marked down. We still have the line of our second stock, but not the quantity. They range in price from 50c. to \$5.00.

Tables.—Extension Drop-leaf Tables in oak, all right in every particular, to be closed out at 50c. a foot, formerly sold at 65c. and 70c.

Lap Robes and Covers.—Still a nice assortment of Fur and Lap Robes, but they must all go at a low price, in order to clear our stock

Men's.—Grey and Merino Shirts and Drawers, regular price, 50c., reduced to 40c. a pair. Still a few of the 10c. Undershirts left.

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DO NOT SUFFER FROM COLDS, CROUP, AND BRONCHITIS, WHEN THE Compound Cough Syrup WILL CURE! Keep Your Hands and Face in Good Condition by Using OUR TOILET LOTION.

CULBERT'S DRUG STORE, COLLEGEVILLE, PA. STOPPED, HAS IT: "It was such a good watch. I have never had it repaired, and I have had it five years."

J. D. SALLADE, Jeweler and Optician, 16 EAST MAIN ST., Opposite Public Square, NORRISTOWN, PA. Why Not GO TO Why Not PROVIDENCE SQUARE STORE FOR BARGAINS?

COLD WEATHER IS COMING. And in order to be comfortable underwear and blankets are necessary. We have 'em—the right kind at right prices.

Until March 1st Only To every purchaser of \$5.00 worth of goods for cash - BRENDLINGER - WILL MAKE A Free Gift of A Framed Picture!

An Always Appropriate Present is an UMBRELLA A Hundred Styles Here. An unequalled array of Neckties, Shirts and Collars Neatly boxed and ready to ship.

REDUCED PRICES are now marked on our stock of Ladies' COATS: CAPES, and more than ever these offerings make certain that you get Always Low-st Prices when you make your purchases of

FALL and WINTER ANNOUNCEMENT BROWNBACK'S STORE, TRAPPE, PA. I am not throwing out any BAITs to catch trade, but giving full value for your money each and every time.

L. H. Brendlinger, NORRISTOWN, PA. LEADING DEALER IN Dry Goods, Books, Carpets, Trimmings, and Coats.

Underwear For MEN, LADIES, and CHILDREN. BED BLANKETS were never so cheap. Think of it, a pair of good blankets for 60c. The finest wool blankets, \$4.50 a pair.

GROCERIES. The usual large line of groceries on hand, but at this writing a few special bargains.

FREE'S HAND-MADE Boots & Shoes. A full line of Gents', Ladies' and Children's Shoes. Rubber Goods advanced 5 per cent. Oct. 1, but not with us.

STORE GOODS. A FEW OF MY PRICES. Outing Flannels, 7 1/2 to 10c. per yd.; Ginghams, 6 and 7c. per yd.; Bed Tickings, 10 and 15c. per yd.; Calicoes, 5 1/2 to 7c. per yd.; the best Bleached Muslin, 1 yd. wide, 6 1/2 to 8 1/2c. per yd.; Unbleached Muslin, 1 yd. wide, 5 to 7c. per yd.; Fine Table Linen, 25c. per yd.; Toweling, Overall, Ready-made Shirts; also goods for pantaloons at the very lowest prices; straw hats; bachelor forks at 5c.; washboards at 10c.; Hardware, Shoes and Rubbers, Ladies' Patent-Tip Oxford Walking Shoes at 90c.

FOR RENT. A part of a house in Trappe. Apply to A. C. POLEY, Trappe, Pa. FOR SALE! Two horses in Norristown. Will exchange for a small farm or lot. Apply to JOSEPH T. MILLER, Trappe, Pa.

CASH PRICES. California Prunes, 3 lbs. for 25c.; Raisins, 6 lbs. for 25c.; Trout Water Crackers, 6c. lb.; good Soda Biscuit, 5c. lb.; the best Table Syrup, 1 gal. for \$1.00; a good Baking Syrup, 24c. a gal.; Coffee, Canned Fruit, Soap, Tobacco, &c., &c. It will be to the interest of the people to come and examine these (all fresh) goods.

OLD COINS. I have 270 Colonial, Continental and United States Coins; also Old Bank and Confederate Notes for sale. Apply to ORVILLE NICHOLS, Oaks, Pa. FOR SALE! 50 sets of second hand harness; some as good as new. Also 50 second-hand collars. Apply to B. W. GROOM, Collegeville, Pa.

FOR SALE. Two large second-hand heaters and five heating stoves. Apply to A. K. HUNSICKER, Collegeville, Pa. TO FARMERS and HORSEMEN! The "Blizzard Adjustable Horse Shoes" to keep your horse from slipping will fit any horse. Can be put on or taken off in 2 minutes. Send in your orders, or come and get a set before ice comes and save your horse from slipping. For sale by JOHN H. CASSELLBERRY, 56cc. E vansburg, Lower Providence, Pa.

HOME AND ABROAD.

Should the present frigid weather continue... A large ice crop will be harvested...

Keep quite cool while doing campaign work!

A new lot of outing flannel at Kulp Brothers, Gratersford.

Public sales advertised in the Independent are thoroughly advertised in the middle section of Montgomery county.

We print by special request the paper recently read by Editor Roberts at the Farmers' Institute at Sanatoga.

A regular meeting of the Lutheran Lyceum, Trappe, will be held Thursday evening, January 30.

We regret to state that the young man, Francis Zollers, of near Evansburg, upon whom a surgical operation for appendicitis was recently performed, is in a critical condition.

200 pounds of butter were stolen from the creamery of Messrs. Funk and Gerhard, near Spring City, early Saturday morning.

Aaron Weikel, Esq., of Shannonsville, will close out the remainder of his store goods and other personal property on Saturday, January 25, at 1 p. m.

When heifer a farmer starts raising stock he shouldn't let anything cow him in an attempt to bull the market.

The January visitation of the Knights of the Golden Eagle of Upper Bucks and Montgomery counties will be held at Quakertown, on January 25d.

The County Auditors visited the almshouse Thursday and audited the accounts of the Directors of the Poor.

Mistress (severely)—How did this fire happen to go out? New Girl (innocently)—I guess you forgot to tell me to put coal on.

The death rate at Norristown last year was 14.27 per thousand on an estimated population of 22,000.

The Mohammedans in India still stick to the exact solar year. For that reason they are now nine years behind their brethren of Turkey and Arabia.

The Farmers' Market Company of Norristown re-elected its old officers Monday and declared a dividend of 14 per cent. Quite a dividend, sure.

A Bradford county creamery made 75,000 pounds of butter last year, charging 8 cents a pound for churning it.

Secretary Edge says the 75,000 miles of roads in Pennsylvania cost \$4,000,000 yearly for repairs.

At the close of business Monday the United States Treasury gold reserve stood at \$55,469,975. The withdrawals at New York were \$537,000.

Arthur W. Newhard, 18 years old, of Allentown, died from enlargement of the heart, which is believed to have been caused by over-exertion in bicycle riding during last summer.

While Absolom Moyer, of Sellersville, Lehigh county, was trying to butcher a hog, the animal got the thumb of Moyer's left hand in its mouth and bit it off.

Philadelphia Markets. Winter bran, \$12.50 @ \$13.25; flour, \$2.35 to \$3.70; rye flour, \$2.65; wheat, 65 to 70c; corn, 35c; oats, 24c; butter, 24c to 28c; poultry, live, 10 @ 11c, dressed, 11 1/2 @ 12c; timothy hay, 75 @ 85c, mixed, 70 @ 75c; straw, 70 @ 75c; beef cattle, 3 1/2 to 5c; sheep, 2 to 4c; lambs, 3 1/2 to 5c; hogs, western, 5 1/2 to 6c.

RELIGIOUS. Episcopal service at St. James' Evansburg every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Roysersford 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, 10.45 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, prayer meeting, 7.30 o'clock. Saturday afternoon, catechisms, 2 o'clock. Sunday: Sunday School, at 9 o'clock, a. m.; at 10 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., preaching; at 2 p. m., the Junior C. E. prayer service, and 6.30 p. m., the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer service. Mr. H. L. Fogelman, leader. The annual collection for Foreign Missions will be lifted at the morning service.

English Communion services at Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe, next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Preparatory service Saturday afternoon previous at 2.30. Catechetical lecture Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

United Evangelical church, Trappe circuit. Services next Sabbath, as follows: Limerick 10.30 a. m.; Ziegler'sville, 2.30 p. m.; Trappe, 7.30 p. m., when a series of revival services will begin. The pastor Rev. A. W. Brownmiller, closed the meetings at Ziegler'sville Sunday evening, and the following persons were received into church fellowship: Maggie Landis, Bella Stoneback, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Barker, Mrs. H. C. Christman, John Burkley and Harry Snail.

RUDY'S PILE SUPPOSITORY is guaranteed to cure Piles and Constipation, or money refunded. 35 cents per box. Send stamp for circular and Free Sample to MARTIN RUDY, Lancaster, Pa. For sale by all first-class druggists, and in Collegeville, Pa., by Jos. W. Culbert.

The Work of Thieves.

The residence of Samuel D. Shearer, near Blue Bell, was entered by thieves early Thursday evening, and wearing apparel and silverware to the amount of \$200 were carried off. An entrance was gained through a back window.

Sold Again for a Big Price.

Harft Mullen last week sold the Alfrant House, one of the leading hotels of Norristown, to William Z. Kriebel, of that borough, for \$52,000. Mr. Mullen purchased the property, less than two years ago, from Theodore Hallman for about \$50,000.

Public School Work.

Superintendent Hoeffcker on Monday, at Ironbridge, examined a class of fifteen pupils from the (Trappe) Independent and Perkiomen districts. On Friday and Saturday at Ziegler'sville the Superintendent held a local institute. The attendance was very large.

An Excursion on Skates.

Andrew Loux, Elmer Undercoffer, Wm. Nace, and Joseph Detwiler, of Yerkess, and William Undercoffer, Norman Tyson and Irwin Cook of Ironbridge, went on skates to Norristown and back, Sunday, following the Perkiomen to its confluence with the Schuylkill and thence to Norristown, the entire distance covered being about 35 miles.

Improvement.

Harry C. Harley has erected a wheelwright shop adjoining the blacksmithing stand, about a mile west of Trappe, recently vacated by Robert Schler, who conducted a good trade there for many years. A. S. Wolfe, formerly with Elwood Cole at Providence Square, has taken possession of the blacksmith shop and is prepared to serve acceptably all customers, old and new.

Robbed Again.

Thieves again broke into B. W. Groom's harness store, this place, Tuesday night, and removed therefrom Mr. Groom's entire stock of blankets, several dozen open bridles, a lot of lines and ower goods, aggregating in value about \$60. This is the second time within a few months that Mr. Groom's place has been robbed. Entrance was gained by forcing open the front door with a large oyster knife taken from Davis' blacksmith shop.

Foreign Missions.

The pastor of Trinity Reformed church, of this place, desires, through the columns of the Independent, to kindly remind the members of his congregation generally, and those not living so near to the church especially, that at this coming Sunday morning service, the annual collection for the cause of Foreign Missions will be lifted. It is hoped that as many as possible who wish to support this worthy cause, will either personally bring or send their offering at the time named.

A Quarry House Destroyed by Fire. School Hall school house in Worcester township, about one mile north of Fairview Village, was destroyed by fire Sunday evening. It was a one-story stone building with cupola and was built three years ago at a cost of about \$2,000. The fire is believed to have been caused by a defective flue. On Friday afternoon the fire in the heater was let die out and was rebuilt on Sunday afternoon. About 8 o'clock in the evening the building was found to be on fire, the floor being ablaze directly over the heater. Residents of the neighborhood tried to save the building but were unsuccessful.

Kind Words.

In the Washington (N. J.) Star we find the following: "In the minutes of the recent Presbyterian Synod of New Jersey appears the name of Rev. James B. Unberger, D. D. Upon inquiry we learned that the pastor of the Musconetcong Valley Presbyterian church has been modestly enjoying the honor for some time. The letter of the Chancellor of the University, concerning his examination papers and thesis, commends him for his excellent showing of scholarship and ability." The Dr. is a graduate of Ursinus College and is known to a number of our readers about town.

Too Much Centrifugal Force.

A fly-wheel sixteen feet in diameter and weighing 16,000 pounds burst at the Ashland paper mills, West Manayunk, Friday evening, as a result of too great momentum, caused by a belt breaking on the engine governor. Pieces of the huge wheel crashed through the roof, cutting off all the piping in the beating room, knocking a breach in the smoke-stack and smashing the machinery. One piece of the wheel weighing over a ton, was thrown through a hole of over the Reading railroad into Belmont road, a distance of 150 feet. Although the mishap caused much alarm in the mill, no creature was injured save the mill-cat. This animal was found dead in the wheel-pit after the accident.

Lost His Suit.

Clerk of Courts, D. A. Shiffert, of Pottstown, has lost his suit against the County Commissioners which he brought to recover \$363 to pay for the recording of births and deaths as returned to the Clerk's office at Norristown, by the Assessors from over the county. The court handed down an opinion in the matter, Monday morning, and the decision is against the Clerk of Courts. The Legislative act of 1893 provided for the return of births and deaths by the Assessors, but fixed no compensation. An act passed in 1895, provided compensation, and Clerk Shiffert sent a bill to the County Commissioners dating from the beginning of his term of office. The court holds that there could be no compensation before the amount was fixed. Although the act was passed in 1893, the compensation was not fixed until 1895.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than in all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it incurable, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It cures in 3 to 6 days. Drops to cure the mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for treatise and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by J. W. Culbert, Druggist, Collegeville, Pa. 75 cents.

Local Institute.

The program of the local institute to be held in Valley House hall, Skipack, on Friday and Saturday, the 24th and 25th inst., has been arranged. Among the speakers named are: Hon. B. W. Dambly, Prof. E. L. Kemp, President Spangler of Ursinus, John T. Wagner, Esq., Lewis R. Harley, and Rev. O. S. Kriebel.

A State Association Formed.

A State School Directors' Association was formed at Harrisburg last Thursday. H. H. Quimby was elected President. This educational movement originated in this township and Director H. H. Quimby of Mont Clare was among the first. It was fitting therefore that he should be elected as the first President of the new Association.

Death of a Prominent Citizen of Norristown.

Edmund A. Kite, one of the best known citizens of Norristown, died Saturday afternoon, in the 83d year of his age. For many years he served as ticket agent at the Norristown station of the Reading Railroad, and was later elected Burgess of Norristown in the face of a strong adverse political majority.

Perkiomen Railroad Officials Elected.

At the recent annual meeting of the Perkiomen railroad the following officers were elected: President, Col. James Boyd; Secretary and Treasurer, Howard Boyd; directors: Francis G. Stinson, John Singluff, Noah D. Frank, Charles T. Waage, J. P. Hille-gass, D. M. Casseberry, John S. Rahn, David H. Rudy, William H. Seipt, J. P. Hale Jenkins, D. K. Graber and Charles M. Reed.

P. O. S. of A. Officials Elected.

The following officers of W. C. No. 267, P. O. S. of A., of Ironbridge, were recently installed by District President, W. S. Rhoades assisted by J. B. Setzler, of Pottstown:—P. P., J. H. Willauer; President, H. R. Puhl; Vice-President, Andrew Pfleger; M. of C. and C. J. B. Bonnell; R. K. M. F. Henshaw; P. S. J. W. Slomaker; Treasurer, H. T. Hunsicker; Comdr., A. Hefelinger; Guard, George Bobb; Inspector, B. T. Keyser.

A Splinter Causes Death.

Van Ransdler Montgomery Missmer, aged 49 years, died at his home in Pottstown Sunday morning. Ten days ago while working among some new lumber a splinter pierced his thumb. The wound began to swell, and blood poisoning set in which caused his death. He was a widely known auctioneer. He was a Democratic local politician of note, and secretary of the Philadelphia Volunteer Fire Company, of that place. Under the administration of Sheriff Clinton Korner, he was deputy warden for the upper end of the county. He leaves a widow and six children.

BANK ELECTIONS.

The stockholders of the Norristown National banks met Monday morning and elected directors as follows: Montgomery—John Singluff, John S. Heebner, Abraham C. Allebach, Samuel Dresler, William Yeakle, Solomon Gilbert, William Stabler, Benjamin F. Whitby, Benjamin Thomas, Jacob H. Grater, William S. Anders, Samuel C. Seiple, Abram Wantz.

Peoples—S. K. Anders, John J. Hughes, Wm. H. Singluff, B. K. Johnson, Chas. S. Anders, Charles Johnson, Isaac Wanner, Norman Egbert, Samuel F. Jarrett, Morgan Wright, John E. Brecht, Wm. Sheppard.

First—Francis G. Stinson, Frank M. Hobson, Walter H. Cooke, T. Elwood Livezey, Daniel M. Anders, Henry C. Wentz, John McFarland, Septimus Kriebel, C. Henry Stinson.

Schwensville Bank—L. W. Kratz, G. W. Steiner, I. H. Johnson, G. D. Alderfer, Noah D. Frank, H. H. Fetterolf, Wm. H. Wagner, M. Y. Johnson, John B. Clemens.

A Robbers' Den Discovered.

What is claimed to be a genuine robbers' den was accidentally discovered recently near Palm, Upper Hanover township, by three rabbit hunters. It is about 300 yards from the public road, on the side of a great rock six feet wide, eight feet long and at its highest point about nine feet. At the lower end of the rock the man who built the pit placed a rail lengthwise, and then covered it with rails to make a roof. The latter he covered with earth and leaves. At the entrance to the hut there was a door made of twigs and moss. At one end of the pit the occupant did his cooking on flat stones, neatly arranged, with a pipe leading through the rails to the outside. Inside were found cooking utensils, consisting of pans, bowls, etc., an axe, box of shoe-making, cutlumber, wash bowl, a pot of lard, etc. In another corner a spring of crystal water issued from the earth. Alongside there were several shelves. Many people have visited the place and crawled inside to inspect the hut.

Rivalry of Colleges.

A dispatch from Allentown to the Public Ledger, dated January 10, in part reads: "A singular competition between two Reformed colleges has just terminated here, and is greatly pleased with the result and promise to secure victory for Ursinus College, Montgomery county. It marked the date when, for the first time since its existence, a Pastor who graduated from its halls will serve a congregation in this city. When Rev. S. U. Mitman, resigned the pastorate of Trinity R. reformed Memorial Congregation of the above college found its long looked for opportunity. * * * The vote of the congregation resulted 21 to 64, in favor of Ursinus. The adherents of the latter college are greatly pleased with the result and promise to secure one of the best minister graduates of their college to serve the congregation. Among those spoken of for the position are Rev. Mr. Jones, financial agent of the College and Rev. Wallace Worthing, of Nazareth." Rev. Nevin W. Helfrich represented Ursinus College and is reported to have made tempting overtures in scoring a victory for Ursinus.

Knights of the Maccabees.

The State Commander writes us from Lincoln, Neb., as follows: "After trying other medicines for what appeared to be a very obstinate cough in our two children we finally resorted to the discovery and at the end of two days the cough entirely left them. We will not be without it hereafter, as our experience proves that it cures where all other remedies fail." Signed: E. W. Stevens, State Com.—Why not give this great medicine a trial, as it is guaranteed and tried bottles are free at J. W. Culbert's Drug Store, 6

LOCAL POLITICS.

The approach of the February election to be held on the 18th of next month is the cause of renewed interest in local politics, and aspirants for township offices are laying their plans to capture nominations. There are at present no indications of the advent of unusual contention in the political arena in this township. The Republican having a clear majority in all the districts it will naturally follow, unless complications now unlooked for arise, that the Republican nominees for the various offices will be elected.

The Republican voters of the districts of Upper Providence will meet at Black Rock Hotel, next Thursday evening, January 23, between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock, for the purpose of forming a ticket. The following extracts from the election laws are of interest to local politicians:

February 31—Last day for filing township and borough certificates of nominations with the County Commissioners.

February 3—Last day for filing township and borough nomination papers with the County Commissioners.

February 6—Last day for filing objections to township and borough nomination papers.

February 6—Last day for township and borough nominees to withdraw.

February 8—The County Commissioners shall send to the Sheriff an official list containing the names and party or political affiliations of all candidates.

Annual Meeting of the Collegeville Fire Company.

The annual meeting of the Collegeville Fire Company was held in the hall over the engine house Monday evening. The attendance was good and much interest was taken in the proceedings of the meeting. The financial affairs of the Company for the past year were reviewed. Whilst there is a present balance in the treasury the indebtedness incurred, in contracting for the new ladder truck and ladders, will wipe this out and leave the Company in debt. However, since the Company is in urgent need of both truck and ladders, it is to be hoped that additional funds will be forthcoming in due time. It is not saying too much to observe here that the Company has been well managed from the start, that there is ample evidence to show that every dollar raised by subscription and otherwise has been judiciously expended, that the fire engine has been of practical service in saving property from destruction by fire, and that the people of Collegeville have reason to and take pride in their Fire Company. The following officers were elected: President, G. Z. Vandercie; First Vice President, Dr. E. A. Krusen; Second Vice President, E. S. Moser; Recording Secretary, R. H. Grater; Assistant Recording Secretary, J. I. Bechtel; Financial Secretary, J. M. Zimmerman; Treasurer, J. Paist; Foreman, W. Undercoffer; First Assistant Foreman, A. M. Heltman; Second Assistant Foreman, Charles Vandercie; Trustees: Messrs. J. M. Zimmerman, J. L. Paist, and Dr. E. A. Krusen.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.

THE ICE WATERS OF THE SCHUYLKILL. ROBBED OF FOUR OF THE BRIGHTEST PUPILS OF SCHUYLKILL COLLEGE.

"We are often told of people being drowned far away from home; and little do we think of the solemnity of such events until we are brought to face the awful realities of being buried beneath that which nature prepares to protect denizens of the water in winter.—ice." So spoke Edwin Tyson, of Limerick, last Friday evening after emerging from the chilling waters of the Schuylkill, at the foot of Swede street, Norristown. A company of young people—Misses Virginia Cassel, Abbie Laid and Millie Baird, together with Messrs. Edwin Tyson and Alfred Hallman of Limerick, and Lewis Wilson, of Norristown—were enjoying themselves at skating on the river at Norristown, at about 6.30 in the evening they were in the act of coming ashore when unfortunately the ice gave way beneath them, and four of the parties cleaned out the mud and Messrs. Hallman and Tyson precipitated into the water, which at this place is about twenty feet deep. For a short time it seemed as if rescue was altogether out of the question. The by-standers were powerless in their efforts to save the drowning persons, when, as if by magic, Mr. Tyson made a desperate struggle, and seizing Miss Baird, flung her upon the ice, a distance of about fifteen feet, but this did not save him or the rest of the struggling ones. As they attempted to free themselves the ice would break away in bits. Finally Mr. Hallman managed to crawl out on the ice, and seeing the perilous position of the remaining two he put into play what little strength he had remaining, and assisted them in reaching "Ica firma." How exceedingly glad are we to learn that they have been spared to possible lives of great usefulness. The whole company candidly assert that it has been to them "a lesson for life." We know the many friends of Messrs. Hallman and Tyson will be pleased to congratulate them on their fortunate escape from the torturing death of being buried alive beneath the ice.

Woman Suffrage.

A meeting of the Montgomery County Woman Suffrage Association was held on Saturday afternoon. Members were present from Collegeville, Plymouth and Norristown. Mrs. H. Y. Hallowell presided. A communication from the Corresponding Secretary of the State Federation of Women was read, asking for information in regard to this Association, and requesting a topic for discussion at the annual meeting in October. "The benefits to be derived from 'Federation'" was thought to be a suitable topic. Mrs. Hetty Y. Hallowell and Mrs. Mary Patterson Beaver are two of the State delegates to the National Convention to be held in Washington, D. C., from the 23d to the 29th of January. On the 31st of January a Conference will be held in Association Hall, Philadelphia, and some prominent speakers are expected to be present. Mrs. Mary R. Livezey read an article entitled "What a Georgia woman thinks of equal rights," in which she says: "Women making money is the business idea that is interesting to be considered trail. Girls of this day glory in being

strong and healthy, and they do not wish to be petted or treated with tenderness consideration, if purchased at a dear price as they must pay by being deprived of a voice in making the laws by which they are governed. Success to those brave champions of right who are exploding the old foggy notions that woman will become unwomanly by having justice done her!" It is proposed to hold a convention in Montgomery county in the near future.

FROM JEFFERSONVILLE.

One evening last week an old express wagon was stolen from the premises of Mr. Schetz, the carriage builder.

The obliging hostler at Mr. Schreiber's hotel is not so much of a marksman as he is a fisherman, but there is yet time for him to learn how to shoot.

The shooting match, Thursday afternoon, for a three-hundred-pound hog, was well attended by sportsmen from Norristown and elsewhere. William Weidman secured the prize, breaking 30 targets out of a possible 37.

FROM OAKS.

Workmen are busily engaged cutting up the old cherry tree, which stood near the Turkey Run sewer, into fire-wood. Said tree blew down in one of the heavy storms last May.

Rev. Jacob Gotwals, who had contracted a very severe cold, could not preach on Sunday last, and Rev. Mr. Meyers officiated.

Mr. Higginbotham had a valuable dog accidentally killed on Saturday last while he was doing some blasting at the Perkiomen Brick Works. The dog had a habit of running at the smoke of fire cracker or gun when discharged, and he ran at the smoking fuse, the blast went off and poor Nero went with it, blown into another sphere.—Reques-dog in pace.

Web. Wesler will move from the Perkiomen Brick Company's farm and take up his residence in Roysersford, and Danny Boyer will occupy said farm and make room for the building of the Prefectory or "Refectory" school which is to be built there.

Web. says he is not in the race for supervisor this time.

It is rumored 'Squire Evans will relinquish farming, as his health is poor.

Fred. Miller has his ice house filled, and about all the farmers around and about have filled or are filling their ice houses.

With the cellar, barn, wood shed, coal bin, and ice house filled, a well-filled purse or your credit good, be thankful and don't forget some who are not so circumstanced when the cold, bleak north winds come whistling around the corners singing in loud strains the song, "what did you do with all the money you made last summer."

There were many skaters on the creeks and rivers, but the snow on the ice made hard skating. At some places the melting snow of the ice and had a fine time.

We noticed two wheelmen on the river. Suppose taking a trip to Norristown, or points below.

Jonathan Bare, of Bare's Corners, butchered a hog which weighed 350 pounds. There is something to brag of for the reason this hog was not quite nine months old. Can any one beat it?

Bert Weikel is becoming quite proficient in shorthand.

John Davis, it is said, will stop tilling the soil and go to work in the Master's vineyard in earnest. Take a preparatory course at Huntingdon and enter the ministry with the preparatory services at the beginning of a protracted meeting at Green Tree, to suit the wants of this market. Also a lot of lambs and veal calves, to be sold at private sale on Wednesday previous, the 23d. Sale at 2 o'clock. Conditions by W. H. RICE. L. H. Ingram, auct. H. M. Alderfer, clerk.

FROM LIMERICK.

Three cents a quart was realized from milk at Reinsneider's creamery for December.

Mr. Geo. Luks, son of Mr. Luks, the pharmacist, Roysersford, a sketch artist on the Philadelphia Press, will soon embark for Cuba, to act as war correspondent for a number of newspapers.

Mr. Jacob Custer lost a valuable cow last week.

The pupils of Fernwood school are collecting money for a library for said school.

Mr. Alfred Hallman has purchased the real estate and personal property of Mr. John C. Lynch of this township. The sheriff levied on the property of Mr. Lynch, at Linfield, last week.

We have been informed that to be a Local Institute held at Limerick some time in February by Superintendent Hoeffcker.

Mr. Abram Walt and wife spent Sunday with Mr. B. F. Rampo and family.

Mr. B. F. Garber helped E. P. Kern to harvest an ice crop last week.

Chas. V. Garber and his bounds attended a fox chase at Arcola on Friday last week.

Dr. Detwiler, of Roysersford, purchased from Mr. William Isett eight tons of ice, taken from Mr. Isett's pond near Fernwood.

Pennypacker's pond in the Addition was swarmed last week with skaters, young and old, novices and experts, who made the air jingle with their merry voices.

Burglars entered the creamery of Messrs. Funk & Gerhard, near Spring City, on Sunday morning and stole over two hundred pounds of butter. The burglars cut off the electrical connection between the house and the creamery and did their work unmolested.

Rev. Jacob Neff, pastor of the Spring City Lutheran Church for over twenty years, expired at 5 o'clock on Monday morning, at the parsonage on Church street of the above place, after a long illness. Mr. Neff was an influential, highly esteemed and active citizen. For a number of years he was pastor of Zion's Lutheran church in Pikeland, commonly known as the Old Organ Church, until the erection of a church in Spring City, when he assumed both charges. He was also at the time of his death a prominent member of the school board. The funeral will be held on Thursday at 1.30 p. m. The schools of that place will be closed that day in respect to his memory.

FROM GRATER'S FORD.

On the same night last week that S. G. Fly's creamery was visited by thieves, there were some chickens stolen from G. F. Bean's hen roost, and several monkey wrenches from Nathan Botts' blacksmith shop.

M. N. Barndt and Mrs. John S. Klum are both on the sick list this week.

H. M. Espenshlag has harvested the first crop of ice from both his dams; and will house the second crop if any forms.

R. F. Hoeffcker examined 15 graduates at Ironbridge on Monday: eight from Trappe district and seven from Perkiomen. 94 per cent. was the best mark made in spelling; this is the only result that has been ascertained.

The horse of S. C. Poley which had become incurably lame was killed and its carcass removed last Thursday by George Schweiker of Skipack.

C. A. Wismer and a chorus selected by him are at work rehearsing some music to be rendered at the local institute at Skipack January 24 and 25 under his leadership.

A Timely Discovery.

A new light has been discovered which, for purposes of photography, will penetrate organic matter and other opaque substances. The discovery should be applied forthwith to the brains of the people who profess to believe that under the American currency system half a dollar's worth of silver ought to be accepted in payment of labor or for other debt as the equivalent of a dollar in honest money.

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Will be sold at public sale, on THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1896, on the premises of the undersigned, Upper Merion township, Montgomery county, Pa., on the road leading from Eagleville to Arcola, the following personal property: Sorrel mare, 12 years old; two horse tread power, 12 horse machine, springtooth harrow, cultivator, corn blower, horse rake, corn sheller, wheelbarrow, double seated carriage, as good as new, 2 carriage poles, double seat harness, as good as new, cross cut saw, and many other articles not mentioned. Sale at one o'clock, p. m. Conditions by V. G. FRIZZER, Administrator.

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Accommodation	9.06 a. m.
Market	12.47 p. m.
Accommodation	5.46 p. m.

SUNDAYS—SOUTH.

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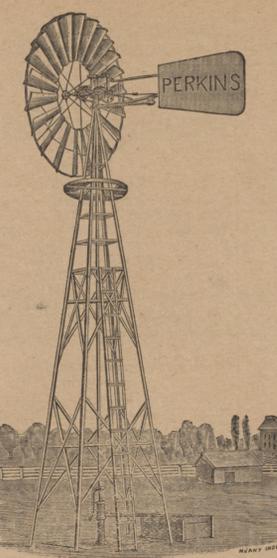
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