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LITERARY, CONDUCTED BY FRANCES G. MOSER.

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Thomas Bailey Aldrich has a poem in the forthcoming Atlantic.

A paper in the current McClure's tells for the first time, the true story of Lincoln's first meeting with Stanton.

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Now in the days of the Goldites, there dwelt in the land one Richman, who had gathered unto himself great riches.

And he reasoned within himself saying, behold, the days of the Silverites draw nigh, when gold will be out of sight.

And he gathered unto himself much gold, even to the filling of his coffers and strong boxes, so that for amount the like was never seen in the land.

And it came to pass in the reign of the Silverites, there dwelt hard by the house of Richman one whose name was Needy, whose wife after the fashion of women must needs ride a bicycle.

And meeting with an accident, whereby she received a sprained ankle, she needed a physician.

And her husband, not having the wherewithal at hand to satisfy the physician's demands, goeth straightway to his neighbor Richman saying, Behold I have a field which I would sell unto thee for an hundred pieces of silver.

And he goeth to his strong box and taketh therefrom an hundred pieces of gold (of the same value in the days of the Goldites as a piece of silver) and goeth into a far country where silver is abundant, and receiveth the full value of his gold in blocks of silver.

And returning to his own country he saith unto those who coin silver, give me the value of those blocks of silver in silver coin.

And they did even as he demanded. And he sought the man Needy and paid him an hundred pieces of silver, the price of his field.

And he counted what silver of that which he had received for his gold was left after having paid for his field.

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village, so much ahead of its times as to be somewhat peculiar.

This curious settlement is so far new-fashioned that its women are of supreme importance.

It is when one turns to look at the men that the thought arises whether, after all, this peculiar state of affairs ought not to be regarded rather as a relic of barbarism than as an assertion of women's rights.

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A PHASE OF WOMAN SUFFRAGE, AS LOOKED AT FROM A SOUTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW.

VIRGINIA D. YOUNG.

Inasmuch as every woman, as well as every man, has a spark of God-breath we call Soul, whose growth depends on expression by recognition, there seems to me a very cogent reason why she should be endowed with the ballot as a means to this spiritual expansion.

Woman with her present limitations in South Carolina, reminds me of a bit of sweet marjoram, the seed of which has become imbedded under the brick with which we border our garden beds.

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WOMAN'S ENERGY.

There is a village community on the coast of Norfolk, England, which may, according to the point of view taken, be recorded either as a particularly old-fashioned place, absolutely bordering on barbarism, or an excessively new-fashioned

After Brother Roberts, of the Phoenixville Messenger, had finished reading a brief editorial in last week's INDEPENDENT he at once indicated the following:

MY DEAR MOSER:— I notice in your paper of this week, your pointed inquiry as to whether or not I am in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

But, at the same time open to conviction and conversion. I therefore place myself in your hands, explain to me, in the columns of your paper why, giving me the privilege of answering.

Will you do it?

Yours very truly, J. O. K. ROBERTS.

Thus doth Brother Roberts impose upon us quite an undertaking. Notwithstanding his stated inclination to be convicted and converted in relation to a question of much moment the task he assigns us is significant in extent. And we feel like throwing up the job rather than tackling it, for the following reasons:

1. The subject is "hot" in his ways, and some of his ways of looking at things are past our finding out, beyond our comprehension.

2. Brother Roberts is even now fully persuaded that he is right and that the editor of the INDEPENDENT is wrong.

Now then what can be done? Unless Editor Roberts and the Editor of the INDEPENDENT can agree upon one or two fundamental propositions necessarily involved in any rational disputation upon the monetary problem at issue, it would be worse than foolishness for Editor Roberts to attempt to convict and convert us, or for us to undertake to convict and convert Brother Roberts!

Talking or writing at random amounts to about as much as chasing shadows over a meadow. Plenty of exercise is obtained, but you can't catch what you are after!

However, Brother Roberts, let us see about it. To begin with can you accept the following proposition:

That it is not within the province or power of a government to create value where no value exists—to create something out of nothing? We can and do.

Here is another: The value of gold, of silver, of any other commodity whatsoever, is determined by the natural law of supply and demand, as daily illustrated in the markets of the world.

Still another: When a government undertakes by decree to establish parity of value between two metals, the credit of the government becomes at once responsible for the disparity involved. The credit of the government is based upon all property values subject to taxation.

Can you accept these? We must. A half column or more in the INDEPENDENT is awaiting your reply.

Flour persons were drowned in a flood in a mining and oil hamlet near Pittsburg Monday night.

Those of our readers who are taking interest in the paramount question—will find a very apt and spicily written article on the first page from the pen of Mr. Jesse G. Rosenberg, of Skippack. Mr. Rosenberg cuts right through the fog!

In furthering his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Register of Wills, Mr. Eiselebens, of Norristown, is receiving the earnest support of warm friends in almost every section of the county. This fact is accepted by political prophets as evidence that the now courteous Clerk of the Commissioners will in the near future receive the promotion he deserves.

The fiftieth anniversary edition of the Scientific American, issued by Munn & Co., 361 Broadway, N. Y., is a most attractive scientific publication. For a half century the Scientific American has held a foremost position in the field of applied scientific knowledge, as represented by multifarious inventions in mechanical and other arts and by every step made in the industrial world.

The recent special industrial edition of the Lebanon Report comprises an epitome in twenty-four pages of the mechanical and commercial enterprise of the thrifty, go-ahead Lebanon valley. The Report has accomplished a grand feat in the domain of journalism; it has done a most commendable and praiseworthy act in behalf of itself and of the community in which it lives and thrives.

After four days of turmoil and heated oratory in a heated atmosphere the Populist Convention at St. Louis completed its labors

Saturday, by nominating Mr. W. J. Bryan, the Democratic nominee, for President. This action was taken in the face of Mr. Bryan's refusal to serve as the Presidential candidate of the Populists. The Convention, somehow or another, couldn't swallow the Democratic candidate for Vice-President, Mr. Sewall, of Maine, and for that position on the Populist's national ticket, Mr. Watson, of Georgia, was named.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 24, 1896.

—The national political conventions seem to be all alike this year, in at least one respect—their failure to satisfy the members of the party they were supposed to represent. Owing to the limited number of Populists in Washington, it is not easy to say how the action of the Populist national convention at St. Louis has been received by the party at large, but supposing those who are here to be fairly representative of the party, it is clear that proportionately there is as much dissatisfaction over the action of the convention as there is among Republicans and Democrats over the work of their conventions; and some talk is being indulged in that it would not do to put in print, unless it was backed up with the strongest proof. At any rate, the Populists are going to be in the fashion, so far as bolting is concerned.

Both Republicans and Democrats of prominence are a little shy about displaying their respective elation and dejection over the work of the St. Louis conventions, but they cannot altogether hide it. They wish to have an opportunity to learn to what extent the convention represented the rank and file of the Populists before expressing their opinions, and only time will give them that opportunity.

Conservative people are somewhat shocked at the disposition in some quarters to discuss a reorganization of the United States Supreme Court as one of the issues of the Presidential campaign. This discussion was precipitated by the announcement that the health of Justice Field, who has been eligible for retirement for some years, was rapidly failing. It is stated that in case Justice Field retires and Bryan should be elected that the silver men, who control the Senate, will not allow any nomination to the vacancy made by President Cleveland to be confirmed, but will wait for Bryan to nominate a man who could be depended upon should there be a rehearing on the constitutionality of the income tax to vote in favor of the tax.

Considerable talk has been made among the politicians by an interview in which Senator Faulkner, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, criticizes Bryan for talking too much, and the Bryan managers for their failure to take advantage of the existing enthusiasm to push the campaign work. It indicates a lack of harmony that will do the Democrats much more harm than Senator Faulkner's expression of his belief in the election of Bryan will do them good. While many Democrats agree with Senator Faulkner's criticisms, most of them think they should not have been publicly made.

There's a lot of politics in the action of the New York banks in coming to the rescue of the gold reserve fund of the Treasury. Another bond issue between now and election day would make many silver voters, so these banks, which have plenty of gold in their vaults, and which have what is more important, influence enough to stop the speculation on a large scale in gold, have determined that the necessity shall not arrive. They have shown before that they could keep the gold reserve of the Treasury intact. They did it then for profit, but they are going to do it now in the interest of the gold standard, and incidentally to help McKinley and Hobart. The talk about the administration being afraid that another bond issue could not be floated at a price that would be equivalent to par for a 3 per cent. bond is all tommyrot. The credit of the United States is as good as that of any nation in the world, if anything a little better, and it is so far above the strife of partisan politics that should there be any necessity for such action there would not be the slightest difficulty in floating an unlimited amount of 3 per cent. bonds at par within ten days after the Presidential election, no matter whether the gold or the silver ticket be triumphant. The credit of the United States is all right, and will continue to be all right.

The story of Presidential Cleveland being renominated by the gold Democrats has taken a fresh start, and it finds believers in Washington. Like the original story, which was first heard when it was thought that Mr. Cleveland was pulling wires to get himself nominated by the Chicago convention, this one includes a war with Spain, which is brought about by the recognition of the independence of Cuba by the President, and which is depended upon to arouse the patriotism of the country to such a high pitch that all other issues are to be for-

gotten and Mr. Cleveland re-elected solely to prevent a change of administration in the midst of a foreign war. If the gold Democrats are to put up a candidate it would not be surprising if their choice should be Mr. Cleveland.

Cheap Silver and Small Savings.

From the Philadelphia Times.

The delegates to the Building and Loan convention who have been talking upon the political issue have got the full measure of the proposition to debase the money of the country by the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. They realize that it would scale down the more than \$500,000,000 of assets of these associations by nearly one-half, and that the confiscation would not hurt a single millionaire. The millions of investors in the building and loan associations are the working people, and free coinage means the scaling down of their small savings with-out benefit to anybody but dishonest debtors, gambling speculators and silver producers.

There are 4,500,000 savings bank depositors in the country, with average deposits of \$300. These deposits are in the same boat with the money invested in building and loan associations. They represent the small savings of the working people put aside against sickness, the traditional rainy day or old age, or to serve as capital to start in business. Debasement of the money standard means a shrinkage in the purchasing power of these small accumulations to just the extent of the shrinkage in the purchasing power of the dollar. The millions who would be the sufferers constitute the class that can least afford the debasement of their little hoards by even so much as one cent.

The fact that the representatives of the building and loan associations are already keenly alive to the ultimate effect of free and unlimited coinage is encouraging to every friend of honest money. What the chosen representatives of these associations in convention assembled think of this subject will soon become the thought of the great majority of the shareholders and the savings bank depositors will, because they must, join hands with the building and loan associations to defeat the Chicago scheme of spoliation. With so vast an army of the working classes united to save their small savings their influence among the working people who have as yet no investments in building and loan shares and no deposits in savings banks will be very great. The latter class have their daily wages at stake at least, and a shrinkage in the money standard will affect them more disastrously even than those provident enough to have a few dollars laid by.

It is gratifying to note that those most interested in an honest money standard—the small investors and working men—are thus early awake to the effect of a debased currency upon their own interests. If they will become missionaries for the propagation of sound financial doctrine there is scarcely a possibility of the election of Bryan and Sewall.

Senator Stewart's Sound Talk.

From the Boston Journal.

"Gold is the universal standard of the world; everybody knows that a dollar is gold. That is an excellent sentiment. Who is the author? Senator Stewart, of Nevada, and the words are as true to-day as when he spoke them in the Senate chamber in February, 1874.

What Mr. Whitney Can Do.

From the New York Sun.

The way is open to Mr. Whitney and to all other friends of honest money to make their votes count two apiece for the cause for which they profess solicitude. If they regard the cause as also a party ship—and Mr. Whitney says he does—let them quit snarling at the Republicans for alleged deficiencies of conduct and vote like men of courage for the only candidate whose election will prevent the free coinage of silver and all its direful consequences.

The Banks and the Country.

From the New York Press.

New York banks are to-day, by the deposit of gold, as they were in 1893 by the issue of clearing house certificates and the dispatch of currency to the most distressed portions of the country, taking full fulfillment of the general welfare clause of the Constitution upon their shoulders. There is not a living American—not even the windmills whom misguided constituencies compel the Federal Government to keep on salary—who will not be benefited by their action.

A Personal Platform.

From the Augusta Chronicle.

Here is an electioneering card which is being circulated in Atlanta by a candidate for Coroner: "From 12 to 33 years in the wilderness and but little heard from."

"I am not a Republican."

"I am not a Democrat."

"I am not a Populist."

"I am not a politician."

"But I am a follower of Christ, so I will say I am a candidate for Coroner and will give at least \$100 to a new church in the western portion of the city near my home if elected. My friends, as ever yours," F. E. A. CURTIS.

Why Money is Scarce.

From the Indianapolis Journal.

The reason money is not in circulation to-day is not that the supply is short, but that the men who borrow money to carry on manufacturing and merchandising dare not invest it in any enterprise. Factories are closing because those who manage them cannot sell their product at all or so as to insure definite payments. If they could labor would be employed and money enough found to pay wages. And it may be added that the great cause of the present uncertainty is the excitement which the silver mine owners have caused in the capture of the Democratic party in the South and central West.

The following from the Philadelphia Times will be heartily endorsed by all who place patriotism above partisan zeal: "There is one supreme issue in the national contest, and it is one that appeals to patriots regardless of their party affiliations. It is clearly and distinctly involves the integrity of the Republic as did the issue of secession in 1861, when hundreds of thousands of Democrats came to the front leaving their party flags behind them, and offered their lives and their treasures to maintain the Union founded by our fathers. The Republicans did not flinch from questions in the faces of patriotic Democrats to halt them in the performance of their highest duty. The Republican party during the war was planted on the one single issue of preserving the unity of the Republic."

"It would be midsummer madness for McKinley and for the Republican leaders to give prominence to any other than the one supreme question of maintaining national integrity in making their battle for this election. All protectionists will vote for McKinley because he is the embodiment of that principle, and his election will give to the Republicans an admitted triumph for every vital feature of their party faith. The Democrats who shall aid in McKinley's election understand it, expect it and are fully prepared for it. They understand that the government must first be saved from dishonor before discussing other questions of national policy."

"No one expects the Republicans to abandon their belief in protection or in any other accepted feature of their party faith. All that is expected of them is that the partisan fool shall be halted in his vocation of wantonly insulting the patriotic citizens of the country who, in sacrifice of their general political principles, turn from their party flag as patriots to vote for the one supreme issue of maintaining unscathed the majesty of law and the honor of the Republic."

A Canadian View of It.

From the Toronto Globe.

Mr. Bryan represents in reality a class interest joined to a noisy discontent, but it would be simply an astounding development if a junction of such political elements could become powerful enough to subvert the whole of the social and common sense of the nation. It will be difficult to make sober men believe in the possibility of such an overthrow.

Boots, Shoes & Rubbers.

A WORD TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT.

While many people are complaining about hard times and business being poor, we cannot help but have plenty to do, because we are selling the

Best Goods for the Least Money!

Because we lose no bad bills; we sell for CASH ONLY, while others are selling on credit and lose many bills, and the virtuous reason "better" and "cheaper" account for the "more largely."

Tapestries

For instance, 50 cents per yard buy what you usually expect to pay 75 cents. Such a special invitation to a comprehensive stock to meet your requirements. Of course, a complete stock has in it and it is only necessary to name

Body Brussels, Hosieries, Axminster, Savonneries, Wilton Velvets, &c.

We ask particular attention to

Matting

because it is in this line that we feel we are particularly excelling past records. In quantity and quality, there is a right way to do all these things and we have a specialist who knows this right way. He has been brought up by experience to do this very kind of work. If you have anything already done that does not suit you, let us see it and we cannot fix it right for you.

Awning

We are making a specialty of this kind of work and all that pertains to such work in a careful department. There is a right way to do all these things and we have a specialist who knows this right way. He has been brought up by experience to do this very kind of work. If you have anything already done that does not suit you, let us see it and we cannot fix it right for you.

Notice to Taxpayers.

In pursuance of an act of Assembly approved March 17th, 1888, and supplementary acts thereto, the Treasurer of Montgomery County will meet for the year 1896, at the following named times and places, for the purpose of receiving the State and County taxes for the year 1896, assessed in their respective districts, viz:

Borough of Souderton, at the public house of Henry Freed, Thursday, July 30, from 9 to 10.

Township of Horsham, at the public house of Halliwell Brothers, Friday, July 31, from 10 to 11.

Township of Upper Dublin, at the public house of Charles H. Palmer, Monday, August 3, from 10 to 11.

Borough of Ambler, at the public house of William C. Blackburn, Monday, August 3, from 10 to 11.

Borough of Hothorpe, at the public house of Harry Wilson, Tuesday, August 4, from 9 to 10.

Township of Moreland, Lower district, at the public house of Frank Shuck, Wednesday, August 5, from 9 to 11.

Township of Moreland, Upper district, at the public house of Charles F. Ehrenpfort, Wednesday, August 5, from 10 to 11.

Township of Abington, Lower district, and borough of Rockledge, at the office of Samuel Cloway, Thursday, August 6, from 8 to 11.

Township of Abington, Upper district, at the public house of J. F. Cottman, Friday, August 7, from 9 to 10.

Township of Cheltenham, Upper and Lower East districts, at the public house of Benj. E. Durbree, Monday, August 10, from 9 to 12.

Township of Cheltenham, West, First, Second and Third districts, at the public house of S. B. Clayton, Monday, August 10, from 1 to 3 1/2.

Township of Pottstown, Lower, at the public house of J. W. Guidin, Tuesday, August 11, from 9 to 12.

Township of Pottstown, Upper, at the public house of George W. Phipps, Wednesday, August 12, from 9 to 11.

Township of Pottstown, Fourth and Fifth wards, at the public house of Michael K. Scheffey, Thursday, August 13, from 8 1/2 to 10.

Borough of Pottstown, Sixth and Seventh wards, at the public house of Maurice Gilbert, Friday, August 14, from 9 to 11.

Borough of Pottstown, Eighth and Tenth wards, at the residence of Jacob H. Brendlinger, Monday, August 17, from 10 to 4.

Borough of Pottstown, Ninth Ward, at the public house of A. K. Essig, Tuesday, August 18, from 9 to 3.

Borough of Pottstown, West ward, at the public house of Mrs. Elizabeth Shuler, Wednesday, August 19, from 7 1/2 to 4.

Taxes not paid to the County Treasurer on or before September 15, 1896, will be given into the hands of a collector, when 5 per cent. will be added for collection, as per act of Assembly.

A. C. GODSHALL, Treasurer of Montgomery County, County Treasurer's Office, 1896.

Killed at a Crossing.

LANCASTER, Pa., July 26.—A terrible accident, in which a young woman was instantly killed and her escort fatally injured, occurred shortly after midnight last night on the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Bird-in-Hand Station, six miles east of this city. A number of young country folks were returning home from a party and there were several buggies, each containing a young man and a young woman. When they reached Bird-in-Hand one team crossed the tracks safely, but the second was struck by a fast passenger train going east with the soldiers from the Lewistown encampment. In the buggy was Miss B. Barge, of Refton, and Mrs. Barbara Hershey, of Blackhorse. The horse was instantly killed and both occupants of the buggy were carried for at least fifty yards east of the crossing on the cowcatcher of the locomotive. They both fell off and the girl was run over by the engine and cut to pieces. Barge had one arm cut off near the shoulder and is otherwise badly injured. He is in the hospital here in a critical condition.

CLEANING UP THE REMAINS OF STOCK-TAKING!

Lots of odds and ends of things we didn't know of, and so of course to go off at away below par.

CHAIRS!

Lot of 6 chairs (for kitchen), perforated seat and back finished in light, at \$1.25 for lot; all in good condition; were \$4.50 half dozen.

Lot of 14 kitchen chairs, of perforated set only, finished in light, is a good strong chair, at \$1.10 a half-dozen, or \$2.10 for lot; were \$4 half-dozen.

Lot of walnut chairs, not all alike but otherwise all right, 8 in lot, for \$1 the lot.

BROOMS: A lot of odds in brooms to go at a price; were 20c ones, now 10c each.

WALL PAPERS: Lots of remnants in paper of this season's goods to be closed out because the lots are too small to catalogue.

No lots will be over 1/2 value, and lots of them less.

PORCH ROCKERS: A new lot of porch rockers, wood seat, large arm and altogether a splendid rocker, that we make special at \$1.25.

Another with closed cane seat and back, larger and strong, \$1.50.

The "Dandy" with closed cane seat and fancy open work high back at \$1.75; less by quantities.

For the Boardinghouse Trade.

We are prepared to furnish bedding and furniture at very low rates, and we have just the kind of goods for that purpose.

MATTRESSES: A nice clean straw mattress with cotton top and good tick, \$1.75. Other grades of husk at \$2.50, \$3.00; cotton \$5.00.

SPRINGS: Frame spring with double woven wire top and real strong frame, at \$1.35 each. Folding spring with single wire top and 88 springs for \$1.75. Frame spring, the "Rosemont," very good and strong, that we can easily recommend, \$2.00.

Other grades of frame springs at 2.75, 3.00, 3.75 and 4.75. Silver Queen folding spring, duplex weave on top and bottom, 126 steel spring, at \$4.25. Folding wire cots at \$1.35 each.

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DIARRHŒA MIXTURE

J. W. CULBERT—Dear Sir: I had been suffering for several years with Diarrhœa, but after using your Mixture a short time, have been greatly relieved; and would not be without your mixture in the house. Respectfully, HENRY W. WISMER.

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More Precious GOLD THAN BRIGHT

Nothing in the world can take the place of one's sight or restore it after it is permanently impaired. The wisest thing then is to take care of the precious gift by wearing Proper Glasses—prescribe that which all the wealth of the Indies cannot buy.

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J. D. SALLADE, Optician,

16 EAST MAIN ST., Opp. Public Square, NORRISTOWN, PA.

A Few Facts and Figures.

Horse Goods at Very Lowest Prices. Good Sheets \$1.00, better \$1.50 and \$2.00. Lap S'preads \$1c. to \$1.50. Come and examine. There are none better or prettier. Leather Nbs., \$1c. to \$2.25. Flank Nbs., \$1.75 to \$2.05.

Ladies' and Gent's Shoes. Both light and heavy. A new lot of Tan Shoes. Going fast at \$1.75. Come at once or you may miss this bargain. Ladies' Tan Walking Shoes for \$1.10.

Straw Hats. All styles and sizes for Sunday and everyday at bottom prices. New lot of Stuff Hats for \$1.50.

Calicoes. New lot at 5c. per yard. Good Prints. Pieces run 6 to 8 yards to the piece. Other Cal

HOME AND ABROAD.

Hot, hotter, hottest; And hot enough for everybody!

Man wants but little here below, As some one said before, But when he gets it, don't you know He wants a little more.

A number of young folks about town took a straw ride to Sanatoga, Tuesday evening. The Messrs. Alabach furnished the team.

One good thing about a military encampment is that it teaches young men temporarily to forget how to loaf.—Chicago Dispatch.

H. H. Robison's store, Perkiomen Bridge, is now a stock agency for the Schuylkill Valley Traction Company. All kinds of tickets can be obtained there.

From Mexico to Veracruz, is the title of a letter from Mr. Joseph Royer that will be published next week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Whitty, of Norristown, were in town Tuesday.

Read the advertisement of I. K. Meyer's shoe store, Norristown, in another column.

Third annual picnic of Benevolent Council J. O. U. A. M., on Paist's island, to-day.

Mrs. Mary Livey and Miss Helen Thomas, of Norristown, visited Mrs. Sarah Longstrech, Tuesday.

The Robison mansion at the Bridge, Mr. Longacre proprietor, will be opened for the season next Saturday. The public will be served every day with ice cream and other refreshments.

Mrs. Crater, of Parkersford, is the guest of Mrs. E. Grubb, of School street.

Under church notices it will be seen that Trinity Reformed church, this borough, will hold its summer Holy Communion, on this coming Sunday morning, August 2d.

Philadelphia Markets.

Winter bran, \$10.00@11.50; flour \$1.90 @ \$2.65; rye flour, \$2.45; wheat, 62 1/2 @ 63 1/2; corn, 35c; oats, 25 1/2 @ 26 1/2; butter, 18 to 22c; poultry, live, 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2; mixed, 60 @ 70c; straw, 60c @ 75c; beef cattle 3 1/2 @ 4 1/2; sheep, 3 @ 4 1/2; hogs, western, 5 1/2 @ 5 3/4.

Postponement.

Owing to the unfavorable weather on the evening of July 22, the song talk by Professor Bailey, under the auspices of the Y. W. C. T. U., in the Monmouth school house, near Yerkes, has been postponed to Tuesday evening, August 4. A cordial invitation to the public is extended. A collection will be lifted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNICS.

Augustus Lutheran Sunday school of Trappe will hold its annual picnic at Ringing Rocks Park, Saturday, August 29.

The Trinity Church Sunday school of Collegeville will hold its forthcoming celebration Thursday, August 13, at Skippack Park.

The annual picnic of the M. E. Sunday school, Evansburg, will be held at Zieher's park on Thursday, August 20.

St. Luke's Picnic.

St. Luke's Sunday school of Trappe will hold a basket picnic in John Pennecker's grove, near Keeley's church, Schuensville, Saturday, August 15. Music by the Schuensville Band. Vocal music and a short address at 11.30 a. m. An excellent concert by the band in the afternoon. The school will have extensive control of the refreshments and amusements for the day. The public is cordially invited.

RELIGIOUS.

On and after the first Sunday in June, the first morning service will be held (D. V.) at Union church near Shannonsville, Wetherill corners at 10.30. Worship in the afternoon as usual at 3.30 in St. Paul's Memorial church near Oaks. All welcome. Benjamin J. Douglass, pastor.

Episcopal service at St. James', Evansburg, every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Royersford at 6 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, rector.

Evansburg M. E. church, Rev. A. L. Cooper, pastor. Sunday school at 9.30 a. m., preaching, Sunday at 10.45 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League service Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Prayer and class meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

Trinity Church: Wednesday evening, prayer meeting, 8 o'clock. Saturday, services preparatory to the Holy Communion, 2.30 o'clock. Sunday: Sunday School, 8.45 o'clock, and preaching and the Holy Communion, at 10 a. m., the Junior C. E. prayer service at 2 p. m., and the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer service, at 8 o'clock, in church auditorium, Mr. J. G. Kerschner, leader.

No preaching at St. Luke's Sunday morning nor evening. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6.45 p. m., Sunday School at 8.45 a. m. Junior C. E. society will meet Friday at 3 p. m. Laura Bertoleto, leader. Parlor meeting of the Women's Missionary Society at the home of Miss Kate Thomas Limerick, on Saturday at 2.30 p. m.

Bucklin's Arnica Salve.

This Salve is the World's Best for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures them, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Joseph W. Culbert, Collegeville, Pa.

Funeral of Eliza Campbell.

The funeral of Eliza Campbell, of Arcolia, whose sudden death was recorded in our last issue, was held last Thursday. Interment at Lower Providence Presbyterian cemetery.

An Appointment.

Charles K. Meschter, B. S., of Worcester, has been appointed to the professorship of English Language and Literature at Perkiomen Seminary. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania.

On the Road to Recovery.

We are pleased to report that Hon. C. Tyson Kratz, of Lower Providence, who was operated upon for appendicitis a week ago last Friday, is gradually improving and that his recovery is now fully anticipated.

Successful Fishermen.

H. T. Hunsicker and M. T. Hunsicker, of Ironbridge, Dr. S. B. Horning of Evansburg, and R. S. Smith of Grater's Ford, returned from their trip to Anglesea last Friday with 161 pounds of cleaned fish; they caught the fish.

To Remain Another Week.

The Wild West show will continue at Skippack park this week; matinees Thursday and Saturday afternoons. New features have been added. The travel over the trolley road to and from the park the latter part of last week heavily taxed the Company's facilities.

The Pulpit.

The Rev. Mr. Treibey, pastor of a Lutheran church in the town of Clearfield, Pa., preached an eloquent and very acceptable sermon in Trinity church, this borough, last Saturday evening. The Reverend gentleman and his family have for some days past been the guests of Prof. Harbaugh and family.

Politics.

The Democratic Standing Committee of Tuesday at the Lambro House, Norristown, and decided to hold the county convention at the court house on Tuesday September 1. The Democratic conferees will meet on Thursday morning at Longaker's hotel, Lansdale, to select a Congressional candidate.

Departed Together.

Tuesday last week Mrs. Clara Fox, of Souderton, this county, went to St. Mary's Hospital, Philadelphia, to visit her mother who was ill at that institution. She returned in the evening. Next morning she was found dead in bed. One hour after the discovery of her dead body, came the news that her mother had died the evening before.

More Damages Wanted.

The Perkiomen and Reading Turnpike Company has appealed from the recent award (\$7,400) of the jury, which passed upon the value of the pike extending from the Perkiomen to the upper part of Trappe. The Company claims about \$18,000. It is expected that the matter will be presented to a court jury in October.

Congressional Convention.

Chairman Solly, of the Republican county committee, has issued notice that the Republican primaries shall be held next Saturday evening, August 1st, to elect one delegate from each election district—in all 117—to attend the Lansdale convention on Monday, August 3d and aid in nominating a candidate for Congress.

Teachers Appointed.

The following teachers were elected in Limerick township recently: Fairview, J. H. McAllister; Linderman, Walter Longacre; Fernwood, Sadie Ben; Barlows, Alvin Wagner; St. Peter's, Rebecca Evans; Linfield grammar, Susie Eppelheimer; Linfield primary, Mary Hipple; Yezzer's, Rachel Yezzer; Missimer's, Annie Evans; Fruitville, J. Howard Kugler; Medinger's, Miss Krupp; Church, Elmer B. Ziegler; Steinmetz, Lydia Rogers.

Ringing Rocks Park.

Upon a recent visit to Ringing Rocks Park the writer hereof observed various improvements and had occasion to be again reminded that as a place for public gatherings in summer and autumn days there is much to enjoy and appreciate where trees and rocks unite to form a model picnic resort. The Park is now supervised by Hon. Geo. Hollenback, a member of the park company, an ex-member of the Legislature, a sagacious, energetic business man, and one of the most congenial characters in the upper end of the county.

A Sad Drowning Accident.

Charles Vanderville, aged 13, son of the noted musician of Phoenixville, L. B. Vanderville, was drowned in the canal at Spring City, last Friday afternoon. His father was absent at Lewistown, Pa., his mother was with him on a visit to her parents at Spring City. With some other boys Charles was rowing in the canal when he fell overboard and sank almost immediately. The boys in the boat were too frightened to aid their sinking comrade, but by their shouts soon brought help from the shore. The mucky condition of the water made it difficult to locate the body, and it was some time before the grappling irons brought it to the surface. Two physicians tried to restore respiration, but their efforts were in vain.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by taking Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY, M.D., Prop., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable and a gentleman. We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by taking Hall's Catarrh Cure. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials on file.

Struck Down on a Railroad.

Mrs. Elizabeth Vile, of Lafayette street, Norristown, while walking on the railroad near Walnut street, Friday morning, was struck and instantly killed by a rapidly moving passenger train. Deceased was 72 years old; she was the widow of Robert Vile and is survived by one son Frank Vile, and a married daughter living in Philadelphia.

The Borough Surveyor on Work.

Prof. A. J. Harbaugh, borough surveyor, under the direction of the street and road committee began, Monday morning, the work of primarily establishing the lines and grades of existing streets and of streets that will be opened in future years. The surveyor and the committee have rather an extensive as well as a difficult task on their hands. The indications are that their work will be generally approved. The doings of the committee will be finally commended, in whole or in part, by Council.

THE TURF.

The course at the Collegeville Driving Park has been put in fair condition. A day for races will be announced later.

Auctioneer J. G. Fetterolf expects to place his stallion in training at Belmont within a few days. It is probable May Boy will be entered in some of the fall races.

It is expected that some day in September F. Scheuren's lay gelding Prince M., will meet H. G. Croll's bay filly at Belmont and engage in a speedy contest. It will be a race worth witnessing. Perhaps there will be other entries in the same race.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Catharine Fox died Monday night at her residence, this place, aged 76 years. Mrs. Fox had been a sufferer from cancer of the stomach for the past sixteen years, and bore her painful illness with heroic fortitude until death brought relief and rest. Two sons and a daughter survive; John Fox, of Shannonsville; Jonas Fox, of Venton, Iowa; Mrs. Daniel Alderfer, of Philadelphia; Mary and Katie Fox, at home. The funeral will be held next Saturday, to meet at the house at 9.30 o'clock. Interment at Keeley's cemetery, Schuensville. Undertaker J. L. Bechtel, of this place, will be in charge.

Ephraim P. Keeley, an enterprising and much respected citizen of Royersford, died Friday morning, aged 69 years. Gastritis was the cause of death. For many years the deceased, who was born near Schuensville, was prominently identified with the business interests of Royersford, being interested in various industries in that town. He was president of the National Bank of Royersford until recently, when he resigned on account of failing health. Funeral was held Tuesday. Interment at East Vindict Reformed cemetery.

A VIOLENT STORM.

SUCCEEDED BY A GLORIOUS SUNSET AND A MAGNIFICENT RAINBOW.

The most violent storm witnessed in this section for years, began on Monday evening. The gale swept hither and yon with resistless force, swaying trees, twisting off limbs, and rocking frame buildings upon their foundations. Clouds of different shades of darkness seemed to be surrying in opposite directions borne along on express motion by counter winds. After the gale came a shower of rain and after the rain a veritable golden sunset, and the most perfectly formed rainbow ever beheld in this locality. The moisture laden atmosphere was most brilliantly illuminated by the last rays of the setting sun and a yellow brightness of effulgent beauty spread over the western and northern sky from horizon to zenith.

Then this dazzling panorama of Nature's production was superseded by a complete arc of red, white, blue and intervening tints extending from northeast to southwest—a sight that at once baffled the power of a writer's pen or the brush of an artist. What a finale to a storm of unusual severity.

What suggestive evidences of the awfulness, the grandeur and the sublimity of the Power of the Universe!

In many sections of the county the growing corn was much damaged by the force of the wind. Deputy County Treasurer George Anders was returning from Centre Point in a team when his carriage was blown over by the wind and he had a narrow escape from serious injury.

All traffic on railroads and trolley lines was delayed for some time, the grappling irons brought over the tracks by the wind. In Conshohocken the electric light plant was damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars.

The storm was very severe in the upper end of the county. At East Greenville, shortly after five o'clock, the wind demolished the recently erected walls of a two-story brick planing mill. Four men at work about the place were seriously injured by flying bricks and timbers. Three of the men are Henry Aufer, Henry Kriebel and a son of the latter. Many trees in that vicinity were uprooted and the corn crop suffered heavy damage.

Superficial Preparation for Business.

The assertion is often made that our American youth are inadequately prepared for the struggle of life as compared with the English or the German. The youth of our country are rarely willing to give the necessary time to get a thorough training. Both the young Englishman and the young German, as a matter of course, give years to fitting for business pursuits. An English bookkeeper who cannot write shorthand, or a German accountant who cannot write several modern languages is a rarity. Young people who wish to obtain and hold paying positions must give time in becoming fully capable. "Drink deep or taste not the Pleian spring" is as applicable to business as in literature. The famous Pelrus School of Philadelphia, from its opening, has made the thorough training of young people for business the basis of its system.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Pa., was told by her doctors that she had Consumption, and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says she saved her life. Mr. Tom, of Eggers, 138 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else, then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which there are many, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at Collegeville Drug Store. Regular size 50c, and \$1.00.

ALUMNI CONVENTION.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ENJOY A DAY AT RINGING ROCKS PARK.

About 400 representatives of the Montgomery County Alumni Association, from all parts of the county, attended the first annual convention and picnic at Ringing Rocks Park last Thursday. Besides the members of the association there were a great many friends in attendance, making the crowd a large one; and from the enthusiasm manifested it can truly be said that each participant thoroughly enjoyed the events of the day.

At 11 o'clock in the morning the business meeting was called to order by the Rev. Mr. Brumbaugh of Lower Providence, chairman of the organization committee. Miss Emily R. Richardson acted as secretary. The organization committee presented the constitution which it had framed. It was adopted by sections. The constitution provides that all graduate members of public school alumni associations in Montgomery County shall become members of the county association. Non-graduate members of local associations and graduates of districts where no organization exists may become honorary members. Dues are 25 cents a year. Meetings are to be held annually. The board of managers will meet in May of each year and make arrangements for the annual meeting.

The election of officers then took place. The following were elected unanimously: President, Edward W. Hocker, Norristown; first vice-president, J. Harvey Wanner, Pottstown; second vice-president, Charles K. Meschter, Worcester; secretary, Miss Emily R. Richardson, Norristown; treasurer, Ralph L. Johnson, Lower Providence.

Several many persons were nominated for managers of the ball to be taken, the following were declared elected: Dr. E. F. Gerhardt, Norristown; Henry A. Longacre, Norristown; George L. Knipe, Norristown; Gertrude Longacre, Pottstown; Irwin T. Wanner, Pottstown; John T. Davis, Lower Providence; M. N. Greger, Upper Providence; Bertha L. Detwiler, Upper Providence; Elizabeth C. Woods, Plymouth; A. B. Hallman, Skippack; S. K. Brecht, Worcester.

The president appointed the following persons, who in connection with the treasurer, will serve as a membership committee: Miss Martha Wood, Norristown; S. Carbon Wolfe, Norristown; Miss Josie A. Crater, Plymouth.

In referring to the constitution, the introduction committee was composed of the president and the secretary of each local association. At 2 p. m. the literary program was rendered. Mr. J. Harvey Wanner, president of the Pottstown association made the address of welcome, which was appropriately responded to by Mr. Ralph L. Johnson, of Plymouth, "The Defense of the Birds." An original poem, "The Legend of Ringing Rocks," was read by Charles K. Meschter, of Worcester. He told of the ancient Indian love story connected with the rocks. Miss Margaret L. Coonahan, of Cheltenham recited "Biddy's Trials among the Yankees," in a fine style, and succeeded in calling forth much merriment from the audience. Miss Frances G. Moser, of Collegeville, rendered a mandolin solo—"Tranquers."

The oration was delivered by Edward W. Hocker, of Norristown, the subject being "Any Old Thing Will Do." He told of the beauty, nobility and sweetness of old things, and claimed that any old thing will do. He said that he resolves to improve upon that old thing.

Miss Bertha Shaner, of Pottstown, recited "Caleb's Courtship" in an effective manner. The baritone solo, "Queen of the Earth," (Pinsuti) by J. Lawrence Erb, of Pottstown, was well received, and in response to encore, Mr. Erb sang "The Palms."

It was evident that the audience was not large enough for the charming delivery of the recitations by Miss Rhoda Archer, of Norristown. She gave two selections—"Fritzy," telling the trials of a small German boy, and "The Dead Pussy Cat," a quaintly pathetic little poem that was rendered with wonderful grace and power.

After the program the members of the association, preceded by the band and park officials, took a line of march through the park, visiting the various places of interest. Subsequently dancing took place in the pavilion, and games of various kinds furnished amusement for all.

The loss sustained by the destruction of Daniel Longaker's barn in Lower Providence, Wednesday morning last week, amounts to about \$8,000. Several hired men who were in the barn when struck by lightning were considerably shocked. All the live stock was saved, except a heifer. One of the hogs which had been released broke a leg and had to be killed. The barn and contents were insured in the Perkiomen Mutual Company.

A Methodist church at Willow Grove was destroyed by fire Monday morning. Only the walls were left standing. The church was comparatively new and cost nearly \$10,000.

On Sunday night the large barn of Eliza Heaton, located in Moreland township, along the Trenton Cut-Off Railroad, at Heaton Station, was totally destroyed by fire together with its contents. Incendiary is one theory, while another is a spark from a locomotive. The loss is several thousand dollars.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Pa., was told by her doctors that she had Consumption, and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says she saved her life. Mr. Tom, of Eggers, 138 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else, then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which there are many, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at Collegeville Drug Store. Regular size 50c, and \$1.00.

Social.

The Christian Endeavor Society, of Ironbridge, will give a social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Detwiler, this (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock.

FROM OAKS.

The Rev. Mr. Brumbaugh of Huntingdon, Pa., preached at Green Tree on Sunday. Subject, "Christ My Strength." Rev. Mr. Brumbaugh assisted in a protracted effort at this church a year or so ago.

Rev. Mr. Myers has secured Prof. C. C. Ellis, of Huntingdon, Pa., to preach the Harvest Home sermon at Green Tree on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 1, at 9 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Ellis is a young man and goes by the name of "The Boy Preacher." A general invitation is extended to the public to leave their work and devote part of the day to returning thanks for the bountiful harvests and to hear "The Boy Preacher of the Juniata."

Rev. Dr. Lamb preached a very interesting sermon at St. Paul's Sunday afternoon. Dr. Lamb is Financial Secretary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. Dr. Lamb came at the wrong time for the church members will begin at once to erect an extension or rather an annex to the church building to be used as a Sunday school room. This is to be as a memorial to the late Mrs. Frances Gumbes, whose whole life was devoted to Sunday school cause, even to the last moments of her life she speak of her class. Sunday was the last that the old building will be used for Sunday school or any other purposes, and the school will be held in the church building until the new building is completed. For forty-four years has this building been used for Sunday school purposes, and was known when I was a boy as Gumbes' Sunday School. Years before this the school was held in the Union church at Wetherill's Corners and also in the old farm house, until 1852, when this building was built on the lawn near the main road and used for church as well as Sunday school purposes.

We are sorry to see the old building taken down. It clustered very many beautiful, dear and sacred memories, and we look back to the days when we attended Sunday school here and we think of the dear ones gone to that blessed land we know, who attended Sunday school at the time. It is a source of gratification to us that we were a member there, and to have been in a number of our Sunday school classes, a matter of meaning in its life. There Sunday after Sunday school was held in fair weather or foul, and even if a few only were in attendance that did not discourage the workers, and it was bad weather indeed that Mrs. Gumbes was not there to teach her class in the school. Mrs. Gumbes had a host of friends and made herself as one of the community, always ready to extend a helping hand, comfort and sympathize in time of trouble and affliction, and there are many who can attest to her whole-heartedness. Now it is proposed to carry out the desire of her heart while living that a building should be erected for Sunday school purposes, near the church on the hill, and work will begin at once on the new building. An opportunity is afforded any and every one to give just what they see fit—to the smallest and highest, if but the smallest amount as a token of love, of friendship, of regard, to this effort of fitting tribute, a lasting memorial to one who was a friend in need, a friend indeed. Setting all selfishness aside, let a feeling of goodwill be shown and all jobs with willing hearts and show our appreciation of one whose object and aim was to do good to all around her, and who is deserving of so fitting a tribute as this memorial building will be. Who will be the first to move in the matter?

The very heavy rains last week caused considerable damage, and almost three inches of rain fell. The hill at Casselberry's was washed badly and the water main across the road was not large enough for the great volume of water, but what it did carry away it in turn carried away part of the path, gravel, spawls and all; and the supervisor might make a note of it, when he comes to repair the hill to repair said sidewalk also.

A radish 1 1/2 inches in circumference and eight inches in diameter is some radish, but that is the kind of radishes Chris. Miller raises on his Hill Top Farm, Pinetown.

Comrade John Smith, of Pinetown, is on a sick list, not able to do duty. Has had the grip.

Dr. Rogers has been troubled with the grip, but is able to be around to look after his patients.

Harry Showalter went to Downingtown on Saturday to attend the funeral of a friend and relative of his family, a lady by the name of Rahm.

Charley Edleman picked over fifty quarts of blackberries this season.

Our Supervisor is waiting patiently for two quarts of raspberries promised him. The bridge plank has gone up in smoke and the raspberry crop is over and the Supervisor will have to wait until next season and risk the chances of the silver worm destroying the crop.

The yard in front of Mr. Jacob Greger's residence has a neat and pretty appearance.

Mrs. Ellwood Rogers, of the Trooper, attended St. Paul's church Sunday.

A surprise was given Miss Leila Price Tuesday last week. Guests were present from Oaks, Yerkes, Mont Clair, Phoenixville, and Philadelphia. Miss Emma Davis, Lydia Higginbotham, Millie Walters, L. M. Mollard, Sara Kaley, Hattie G. Jenno, Weber, Hannah and Amy Astenfelder, Katie Detwiler, Bella Young and Lizzie Detwiler, Albert King, Stanley Casseberry, Frank Mollard, Willie Higginbotham, Jos. McClinton, Abram Golewsky, Elias Detwiler, George Coley, Warren Detwiler, Milford Bell, Harry Alabach, M. V. Greger, Isaac Price and Chester Rambo were present and a merry time was had.

FROM GRATER'S FORD.

28 to 3 in favor of our boys was the result of the base ball game on Saturday; our boys are sprucing up and playing the game as they very properly should. Next Saturday they will play at Telford.

The Cake Walk on Saturday evening at Carver's Hotel was a success; the attendance was large, cakes brought good prices, and all the ice cream was sold; the music of the Liberty cornet band of Schuensville was highly appreciated.

The meeting held in the Dunkard chapel in the interest of relief for Armenia sufferers was largely attended.

Prof. J. H. Landis, Principal of the Conshohocken schools, and George W. Wagner, Esq., of the Berks county bar, and family, are among the visitors in town.

The wind storm that passed over the village on Monday afternoon was quite destructive to fruit and shade trees; corn, too, is considerably down because of it.

A street piano delighted the auditory centres of the entire "little" population and the major portion of the "big" population by its melodies on Monday evening for about an hour; the tunes were all classics in their way, and the instrument has an excellent tone.

The teachers of the township held a meeting at Isaiah Detwiler's on Tuesday afternoon to rearrange the course of study for the public schools.

John L. Kulp and Will Schwenk have both started for Ohio; John to visit his sister at Pleasant Hill, and Will to buy a car load of cows.

At the meeting of the Beneficial Society on Thursday evening business of extra importance is to be taken up, and all members are urged to attend.

Talking of a 100 cent dollar, Mr. Editor, what would 100 cents be worth if melted down? Only 18 cents in value. We question the paying power? Is it not government fiat? Is it not the government's willingness to receive them as legal tenders (in limited amounts)? Certainly they contain no gold redemption clause.

[The government maintains for the convenience of the people a fractional currency. Whilst 100 cents, intrinsically may be worth but 18 cents, the necessities of trade and the credit of the government make them pass current for one dollar in value. We question the correctness of the existing financial policy of the government in this particular. Rightfully, a cent ought to possess, approximately, a one hundredth part of the value of a dollar—and not a 53-cent dollar, either.—ED. INDEPENDENT.]

FROM NORRISTOWN.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., July 25, 1896.—The Republican County Committee met here yesterday and resolved that the County Convention shall be held in the Court House on Tuesday the 18th prox. The attendance was large, enthusiastic, and encouraging. From all quarters came news of the growth of sentiment in favor of McKinley and opposed to Bryan at the St. Louis platform as against the Chicago platform.

Next Saturday night delegates will be elected to the Lansdale convention to be held on the 3d prox. to nominate a Congressman. Mr. Wanger is in the lead about here and is gradually growing stronger in Bucks. Mr. Shoemaker of Doylestown visited Norristown yesterday, and shook hands with many of the people attending the County Committee. He is running delegates in Plymouth and other places down there.

Norristown had a terrible shock yesterday. Mrs. Elizabeth Vile, an aged and respected lady of the lower end of the town was crossing the railroad on Lafayette street when an unobserved train struck and killed her.

The frequent burning of barns by lightning this season of the year with the accompanying lots of crops, cattle and valuable property, ought to admonish farmers of two important points for their protection; popular trees and insurance; not only insurance on the barn but on the contents. Daniel Longaker's barn in Lower Providence, on Wednesday was burned by lightning just as it had been filled with an immense harvest. Poplar trees are the best lightning rods. Our forefathers understood that well, and they provided their buildings and lanes leading to their homes with these tall, graceful poplars, whose height and leaves pointing upward, conducted the electricity to the ground away from the buildings; and what is prettier than a poplar tree? why two rows of them as far as the eye can see.

Our electric railroads run through a delightful country and give our citizens a splendid ride at little cost, and bring into town many visitors, who could not reach so easily before. But our County Commissioners have been blamed for yielding up the bridges on the Ridge Road to the electric car company when the latter had plenty of room to erect their own bridges alongside of the public highway.

We have three Commissioners to elect this fall. J. Milton Brooke a farmer of Springfield and a native of Cheltenham, is presented by the lower end as a most worthy man for this important office. He is in the very prime of life, of an eminently respectable family and possessed of good judgment, and sound integrity. Under the Constitution although we have three to elect no man can vote for more than two; this enables the minority always to have one man to watch the two of the majority party. This is the same method as that employed in the selection of the board of election officers. John Hampton a farmer of Upper Merion is the middle district candidate. He is a sturdy farmer, of sterling honesty and afraid of nothing that is right. He also would be a faithful guardian of the rights and interests of the people. This office of County Commissioner, it is conceded by all fair-

From the Transcript.

The Warnings of Age. The days are quickly passing on, and fairly on my brow The marks of age in language plain are surely written now; The scanty locks upon my head are turning silver white, Though forty years ago they were as dark as moonless nights.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
THE VALUE OF STRAW.
John Butterworth, of Trenton, N. J., writes to the Standard, saying that farmers, as a rule, have always entertained the idea that every pound of straw grown on a farm ought, as quickly as possible, to be utilized in the manure pile.
While this may seem correct, it can easily be proven by facts and figures that the system is wasteful and wrong, and money thus wasted, if saved, would not only buy enough manure or fertilizer to keep the farm in high condition, but also leave a good round sum as profit for the farmer.
I propose to take the present price of rye and rye-straw and show how a farmer can realize a greatly increased income on every acre of rye and "not rob his farm," but keep it in a high state of cultivation by placing on it just as much manure or fertilizer as if he had adhered to the old plan of throwing his straw crop in the manure pile.
The following facts and figures will prove these statements correct: One acre of land will yield 15 to 20 bushels of rye and one ton of straw.
The present price of rye in New York markets is 50 cents a bushel, and the price of rye-straw, threshed straight and bound, is \$20 per ton. Ten acres of rye, yielding 20 bushels to the acre, if sold at 50c a bushel, will amount to \$100, and the ten tons of straight-threshed and bound straw, if sold at \$20 per ton, would amount to \$200, making a total of \$300 realized from the 10 acres of rye and straw.
According to Prof. E. B. Voorhees, the New Jersey State Chemist, the real manure value of rye-straw in the manure pile is only \$2.00 per ton; consequently, if the old plan is followed, and the 10 tons of straw are deposited in the manure pile, the value of it there, according to Prof. E. B. Voorhees, is only \$20.00, while, if the 10 tons of rye straw were sold, it would bring \$200.00.
Take the manure value of the 10 tons of rye-straw, which is \$20.00, and with \$200.00 by stable manure or commercial fertilizer, it will enrich the farm to the same extent as if the whole 10 tons of straw had been deposited in the manure pile, and yet leave in the farmer's pocket a net profit of \$180.00. This, while enriching the farmer, surely does not "rob the farm."

The above facts, I think, prove conclusively that it is wasteful and wrong to continue in the old way of threshing the straw and wasting it in this way, reducing its value to two dollars per ton, when the same straw, if threshed straight and bound, would bring in New York markets \$20.00 per ton.
I will admit, to thresh rye by hand is slow and expensive, and if the ordinary spike-cylinder thresher is used, the straw will be broken and its marketable value destroyed; hence, I advocate the use of improved machinery, and in this case I recommend the Self-Binding Rye Thresher, which not only threshes without injury to the straw, but also cleans the straw from dust and delivers it, thoroughly threshed and re-bound, ready for marketable purposes.
Farmers should consider this matter, and as it is an opportunity to greatly increase the profits of the farm, they cannot too soon discard old fogy methods and wasteful plans.—Langhorne Standard.

THE SILO.
A Wisconsin dairyman writes:—
In the construction of silos careful attention should be paid to the area of surface exposed in feeding the silage. Silage wastes much more rapidly when fed from the sides than from the top, and since the most economical construction demands the largest possible feeding surface, it follows that the feeding should be, in general, from the top. The proper horizontal area of the feeding pit depends upon the amount of silage fed daily and the rate at which silage becomes seriously injured when exposed. I have not been able to gather facts enough to settle this important point. The spoiling is certainly more rapid in the shallow than in deep silos and more rapid when corn or clover is put in whole than when cut, because it is impossible to feed the surface down as evenly and keep it smooth. My impression is that the silage should be lowered at least two inches daily, and that three would be better. Taking three inches as the depth fed daily, 40 as the number of animals, 150 days as the feeding period, and 1.5 cubic feet as the amount fed to each animal daily a round silo 17.5 feet inside diameter and 37 feet deep would be required. The same conditions would also be met by a round silo 22 feet inside diameter, 24 feet deep with a partition through the centre. Where all the silage can be fed conveniently from one point and a large amount of silage must be stored, one silo with partitions is not only much cheaper, but better than separate structures because the additional corners cannot admit air from the outside when the pits are full and the round silo with partitions makes less corners than the rectangular one does. Two-inch partitions give ample strength where the filling takes place on both

sides at once. And if it is desired to fill one pit faster than the other, temporary braces may be placed in the empty pit and removed as it is filled. I believe that two thicknesses of boards with paper between them make a better partition than the two-inch plank which appears to be more commonly used.
Whatever tends to the expulsion and exclusion of entangled air must conserve the silage, and whatever tends to leave or form cavities in which air can lodge in bulk, experience shows, leads to spoiled silage. Cross-roads, overhanging ledges and projecting stones should be avoided as they hold up the silage, forming cavities into which the air collects, enabling the molds to grow.
CONVICTS AND THE ROADS.
The employment of convicts in the construction and repair of highways is, in some portions of the country, apparently solving one of the problems of the day—how to provide good roads at the minimum expense. It is also argued that such employment of convicts reduces the competition between convict labor and free labor to the least objectionable form. In an address delivered at the Southern Industrial Congress, held at Augusta, Georgia, in 1894, Hon. Roy Stone, of the Office of Road Inquiry, Department of Agriculture, said that an important practical step in general road improvement is to make the best possible use of convict labor in road building, a step in which the South is much in advance of the North. Mr. Stone, speaking with the authority of an expert in such matters, gave it as his opinion that State prison convicts could be best employed in quarry camps or gravel pits, where they can be guarded and secluded as easily as in prisons, and that county prisoners could attend to the grading and other preparatory work. Where rock is plenty sufficient material could be produced to macadamize the roads, and, "in addition, furnish ballast for the railroads as a consideration for their giving reduced rates on road materials." A Georgia civil engineer, contributing one of the bulletins of the Federal Road Inquiry Office, suggests that the road question and the convict labor problem can be settled through employment of convicts on the roads, that the maintenance of the highways is "the only satisfactory adjustment of the weighty problem of the proper disposition to be made of prisoners."
In Tennessee a Road law was passed in 1894 by which all persons confined in county jails or workhouses are available to the Road Commissioners for the purpose of working on the public highways. In 1893 the New York Legislature authorized the Superintendent of State Prisons to employ 300 of the convicts of the Clinton State Prison in the improvement of the roads within a radius of twenty miles from said prison, the Prison Warden to designate the sections of roadway upon which the men shall work, the State Engineer and Surveyor to fix the grade and direct the manner in which the work shall be done.
In South Carolina what is known as the county "chain-gang" system is in operation in the improvement of the roads. In its issue of June 12 the Charleston News and Courier reports that there are about thirty counties with chain gangs, and that a force of about 600 convicts is at work on the highways. A number of the counties have invested in road building machinery, which, the News says, they would not have bought in a decade had it not been for the necessity of supplying the chain gangs with appliances that would make their work effective.
In some of the South Carolina counties the Commissioners have entered upon systematic road construction and are gradually macadamizing the main highways. The system is reducing the population of the State Penitentiary, for the reason that all convicts sentenced for more than two years are assigned to road work in the gangs. The general experience of the system has been that it can be used to advantage.
County prison labor has not been profitable, as a rule, in Pennsylvania, and road-making by convicts has not been attempted. In certain counties prisoners are employed to some extent in breaking stone. Road material can be prepared in any county jail and sold to neighboring townships and in course of time large sections of roadway could be macadamized, the objective point of road reform. The question of road improvement rests principally with our farmers. It is absurd to maintain hundreds of men in idleness in our jails when their labor could be utilized to an appreciable extent in improving our execrable roadway. The Chief of the Board of Inquiry Department is quite right in impressing upon the public the importance of making the best possible use of convict labor in road building. The settlement of the details of such an innovation ought not to be an insurmountable problem for our practical farmers.

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