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EACH AND ALL.

Little thinks, in the field, you red-cloaked clown
Of thee from the hill-top looking down;
The heifer that lows in the upland farm,
Far-heard, lows not time ear to charm;
The sexton, tolling his bell at noon,
Deems not that great Napoleon
Stops his horse, and lists with delight,
While his files sweep around you Alpine height;
Nor knowest thou what argument
Thy life to thy neighbor's creed has lent.
All are needed by each one;
Nothing is fair or good alone.

I thought the sparrow's note from heaven,
Sung out dawn on the alder bough;
I brought him home, in his nest, at even;
He sings the song, but it pleases not now.
For I did not bring home the river and sky—
He sang to my ear—they sang to my eye.
The de little shells lay on the shore;
The bubbles of the latest wave
Fresh pearls to their enamel gave,
And the belting of the savage sea
Greeted their safe escape to me
I wiped away the weeds and foam,
I fished my sea-born treasures home;
But the poor, unsightly, noisome things
Had left their beauty on the shore,
With the sun, and the sand, and the wild
updraft.

The lover watched his graceful maid,
As 'mid the virgin train she strayed.
Nor knew her beauty's best attire,
Was woven still by the snow-white choir.
At last she came to his hermitage,
Like the birds from the woodlands to the cage—
The gay enchantment was undone,
A gentle will, but fairy none.
Then I said: "I covet truth;
I want is unripe childhood's cheat
Beauty is belittled with the games of youth."
As I spoke, beneath my feet
The ground-piece curled its pretty wreath,
Running over the club-moss burrs;
I inhaled the violet's breath;
Around me stood the oaks and firs;
Pine-cones and acorns lay on the ground;
Over me soared the eternal sky,
Full of light and of deity;
Again I saw, again I heard
The rolling river, the morning bird—
Beauty through my senses stole;
I yielded myself to the perfect whole.
—Halpa Watto Emerson.

Scientific Miscellany.
SAWDUST IN PHOTOGRAPHY — VELLS AND EYEBIGHT — A WHEEL ON WHEELS—SUBMARINE TELEGRAPHY — GOLD DEPOSITION Imitated—THE ZONE OF HUMAN LIFE — MOLASSES FOR FARM ANIMALS—CARBON PLATING BY ELECTROLYSIS—A PLAGUE OF DEER.

This devotion as Browning paid his wife was rare. His marriage having taken place in 1846, Mrs. Sutherland, the poet's biographer, writes that on each visit he paid "to London with his wife he commemorated his marriage in a manner all his own. He went to the church in which it had been solemnized and kissed the paving-stones in front of the door."

The reappearance of the authorship of "Ships that Pass in the Night" has been eagerly awaited by her throngs of readers; but Miss Harraden has chosen to remain silent in her Southern California retreat. The first fruits of this retirement now fall in a volume devoted to the charms and benefits of Southern California as a mecca for invalids. Together with Dr. William A. Edwards, Miss Harraden now puts forth a book entitled "Two Health-Seekers in Southern California."

In his "Autobiography" Mr. Hare gives us one delightful peep at Ruskin, whom he came across in Italy, copying bits of Paul Veronese. He asked Ruskin for artistic advice. "Ruskin said, 'Watch me.'" He then looked at the frounce in the dress of a maid of honor of the Queen of Sheba for five minutes, and then he painted one thread, and he looked for another five minutes, and then he painted another thread.

Of Robert Louis Stevenson's novel, "St. Ives; or, the Adventures of a French Prisoner in England," which has been running its posthumous serial course in the Pall Mall Magazine, and is now about to begin in McClure's, the London Academy has declared: "To what extent Stevenson's last romance, 'St. Ives'... is complete we know not, but were this the sole installment, were these three chapters all that brave invention devised before death darkened it forever, we have something to take hold of and prize—we have Goguelat. These three opening chapters could well stand alone as the story of Goguelat, his infamous life, his glorious death. * * * He lived a braggart and a bully, though as courageous in battle as Napoleon, who decorated his breast, could wish; he died a gentleman. Romance has not his counterpart. * * * It is magnificent." The publishers declare that, unlike "Weir of Hemiston," "St. Ives" was left all but complete.

The late Mrs. Hungerford (The "Duchess") completed before her death a volume of stories, now published, with the title: "An Anxious Moment." A writer in The Critic (Ellen Burns Sherman) moralizes quite sadly upon the vogue which the authoress of "Molly Bawn" enjoyed during her career as a writer of twenty-six mawkish and insipid novels of modern fashionable society. Lippincott's also announces a last tale of the "Duchess," with the odd tale of "Love." Another story left by her is called "The Coming of Chloe."

The intervention of the inhabitant of the planet Mars, from whom Du Maurier's serial story, "The Martian," takes its name, will be the feature of the installment to be published in the March Harper's. Either with design or by happy accident, the publishers' announcement shows that a paper immediately preceding these chapters of "The Martian" in the same number will bear the title "Astronomical Progress of the Century," and will "trace the development of the latest theory of the universe, unfolding a scientific actuality more stupendous in its reaches of imagination than the cosmography of the Divine Comedy or Paradise Lost." It is a matter of record, however, that the late Du Maurier bothered himself as little about the real astronomical science of the red planet as he did about genuine hypnotic data in "Tribby." The Harpers sent him a copy of Astronomer Percival Lowell's work on Mars, but Du Maurier replied that he had not considered the physical aspect of that neighboring world.

Man's limitations in space are not inspiring. Yast as are the distances perceived, in no direct line can he travel more than 25,000 miles, and his north and south range scarcely exceeds 10,000 miles. He can dig into the earth but 3,000 or 4,000 feet, dive into the sea perhaps 100 feet. In altitude, even the moderately wrinkled crust of the earth has a number of points yet unattainable—such as Mount Everest (29,000 feet) and Dapsang (28,700 feet) in Asia. Zurbriggen, a Swiss guide accompanying an English party, has just ascended to the top of Aconcagua (24,000 feet) in the Andes, this being the greatest climb yet accomplished. Even with the utmost possibilities of balloon and flying machine, human efforts must still be confined to a vertical zone of less than ten miles!

The proposed Italian weather observatory on Mount Rosa, at a height of 14,000 feet, will rank fourth in elevation among the world's 27 mountain stations, those of Arequipa, Mont Blanc and Pike's Peak being the only loftier ones.

Molasses is now much used in Germany for fattening cattle and sheep, the consumption during the season of 1894-5 having been not less than 100,000 tons. The British consul at Stettin mentions that some difficulties have had to be overcome. Much of the raw molasses sold has less than the fifty per cent. of sugar contained on leaving the original factory, while a more serious matter has been to find suitable substance to mix with the molasses to counteract the purging effect. Many experimenters now believe that the difficulty arising from injurious salts is met by the addition of a dust or "mull" from moss turf. The advocates of the "molasses-mullfolder" claim that it

tends to keep the animal in health, gives the skin a glossy appearance, increases the working capacity, improves the production and improves the quality of milk, improves the flavor of the meat, and is much cheaper and more economical than any other fat-producing fodder.

A deposit of carbon by electrolysis—that is, in a manner analogous to electrotyping or the usual method of plating with copper and some other metals—is claimed by M. N. Fradin, a French electrician. Seeking to verify the statement that carbonic oxide and carbonic acid are evolved on passing a current through sulphuric acid between carbon electrodes, he was led to the conclusion that the carbon actually dissolves in the acid. As a test of this theory, he plunged in the acid a cathode of platinum, which after a time became coated with a compact layer of carbon.

A present of some deer from Queen Victoria is said to have brought to the French colony of New Caledonia a pest similar to that of the rabbits in Australia and the mongoose in Jamaica. The deer have been multiplied with great rapidity, and now invade the plantations, causing great loss to the farmers.

A test of the purity of metals, rivaling the spectroscope in delicacy, has been pointed out by Professor J. A. Hennig, who has found that the electrical conductivity of pure metals is immensely increased by intense cold the whole increase in alloys is not more than ten per cent.

The remarkable peculiarity of the new dark rays, or "critical rays," reported by Prof. E. Friedrich, of Elbing, Prussia, is that photographs by them of the living hand show the bones while only the flesh is seen if the hand is dead.

STRYCHNINE AS A DRINK.
DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW HABIT WHICH IS RAPIDLY SPREADING.
A new kind of patient can shortly be looked for at the gold cure establishment, the victim of the strychnine habit. We have had the cocaine fiend, the morphia fiend, the slave of the hashish drug and the wretched mortals whom only a regular diet of opium could keep alive.

The strangest victim to drugs of an excessively stimulating nature, however, is the strychnine fiend. Strychnine is known to medical science as a deadly poison, but when under medical direction it acts as a powerful tonic, greatly stimulating the heart's action. So powerful is it in its operation that only the most infinitesimal proportion is allowed in a tonic prescription. Yet it has been seized upon by the physical wrecks of civilization as a means of stimulating the flickering spark of life, and a strychnine "jag" can be added to the hilarious moments that nerve-smashing drugs afford.

The discovery of the strychnine fiend was made by a religious worker in a large city, whose mission takes him nightly into the society of women to whom excitement of some kind is essential to the forgetfulness of life's dark side. This missionary recently found early one morning the form of a well-dressed woman prostrate on the pavement. She was taken to one of the institutions in connection with which the missionary worked, and a doctor sent for. It was clearly a case of "jag" of some kind or other. The usual remedies were applied; but the death-like pallor of the patient's face and the queer action of the heart alarmed the doctor, and he ordered her clothing to be searched to obtain a clue to guide him in his efforts to bring her to consciousness.

In the woman's pocket was found a small bottle containing a few pellets, which, upon investigation, proved to contain enough strychnine to kill an elephant. The woman was suffering from an over-dose of strychnine, and the drug had done its work well. It was with the greatest difficulty that her life was saved, and for days following this she cried piteously for the deadly tonic that was withheld from her. From her own statement, and the doctor and those present believed it, she had begun by taking a very small portion of strychnine, and, as the craving for the drug increased, had added to her daily dose until she found she could take with impunity a quantity sufficient to

kill ten people who were unused to poison.

A reporter who visited the chemists' shops in the district gathered some additional particulars regarding the new "dope." One chemist stated that the poison book in which entries are made of all deadly drugs sold showed a steady increase in the amount of strychnine consumed. "It is quite evident that the new stimulant is gaining in favor," said this druggist, "and the recklessness of the 'fiends' is sure to result in some fatality unless druggists decline to sell strychnine altogether. Those addicted to its use buy it in pellets, and the dose they take is regulated by themselves. The seasoned hands are able to take an enormous quantity without doing any more than quickening the beating of their dyed hearts and stimulating their jaded nerves, but those to whom the drug is a new thing are likely to kill themselves with a comparatively small quantity."

"I have on my books the names of women who are shining ornaments of society who sent to me for strychnine pellets with the stereotyped assertion that they are wanted to kill a dying cat. The women who send for the poison are without doubt victims of the strychnine habit. Then I shall show you the names of men who are regular customers for strychnine. In their case the poison is taken to counteract the evil effects of tobacco smoking. A person can derive some benefit from taking strychnine, as the stimulating action of the one poison counteracts the sedative effects of the other. In these cases the poison may be taken with some benefit, under medical direction, but with the ordinary 'fiend,' who merely takes it for the pleasurable sensation it produces, the after effect is bound to be disastrous."—*Pearson's Weekly.*

JUST IN TIME.
Mrs. Brewster sat sewing before a window which looked out upon a garden filled with flowers.

Outdoors everything seemed at peace—roses blooming, bees humming, everything in tune. Indoors the air is filled with suppressed sobs, coming from a room upstairs over the one where Mrs. Brewster sat.

Mrs. Brewster is a stern-faced woman; one of those tall, thin hard-working New England women in whom the very blood seems frozen. As she stitches away upon some new material her needle makes a rasping sound, very trying to sensitive nerves, but she doesn't know she possesses nerves, apparently.

She is making sheets and pillow cases for her daughter, soon to be married to a man she detests. It is her mother's will. Mrs. Brewster fairly willed her husband into the next world.

The rasping sound stops as a gentle tap comes upon the door. She goes to the door all smiles. She is very gracious in manner in public.

"Good afternoon, Mrs. Brewster; is Mabel at home?"

"Yes; she is in her room weeping because a kind old man wants to marry her."

"May I go up?"

"Yes; see if you can't bring her to her senses."

The caller, Dorothy Knowles, runs up the stairs and knocks upon a door. "Mabel, dear, may I come in?"

Mabel opens the door and draws her friend in, closing the door quickly.

"Crying again, Mabel?"

"Crying again?" When do I ever stop crying? What shall I do? I'll run away, or do something. Oh, if Cousin Max were only here, he wouldn't let her do it. Oh, Max, Max, come home!"

If Max Bennett had only heard that cry he would have flown to his little cousin, but he was far away across the sea.

Dorothy tried to comfort her friend, and at last succeeded in stopping the tears. Mabel bathed her face and her eyes and went outdoors with Dorothy.

The days flew by and Mabel's wedding day was fast approaching. A strong calm seemed to have come over her spirits. She was very docile, and went about her daily tasks as of old, and her mother thought she was subdued; but Mabel inherited some of her mother's will, and was quietly laying her plans.

Nehemiah Jenks was the name of the man who was so anxious to marry her against her will. He had been dropping in nearly every evening before he had asked for Mabel.

Mabel had never thought he came to see her, and was astonished when her mother told her he wanted to marry her.

Mrs. Brewster did not tell her that he had promised to destroy a mortgage he held upon their home the day Mabel became his wife. Mabel had taken his calls for her mother and never dreamed he was "courting" her, as he called it.

She begged, teased and implored her mother not to make her marry him. She might as well have tried to move a mountain as try to move that will.

But delicate Mabel might defeat their plans yet. One night she thought she'd try Nehemiah.

She was very pleasant, played cribbage with him, did all she could to please him, agreed with everything he said, and finally when her mother left the room for something, went over and laid her hand on his shoulder and said timidly, "Mr. Jenks."

"Yes, my dear," said Nehemiah. "Why do you want to marry me when you know I don't love you? It will make us both so unhappy. I'm so young, too, Mr. Jenks."

"Why do I want to marry you? Because I dew; I want a nice young housekeeper; Peggy's tew old."

"Why don't you marry my mother if a housekeeper is all you want? She's a far better housekeeper than I am."

"What dew I want of an old woman like that?" he said, with a sickly smile.

"She's younger than you are, Mr. Jenks."

"Mebbe she is, but I want something pretty and fresh."

"Please let me see, Mr. Jenks; tell mother I'm too saffy, and I will bless you forever; do, please."

"No, I shan't; you've got tew marry me, d'ye hear?" He yelled it at poor little Mabel, and as she heard her mother coming she went and sat down. Very shortly after this she said good-night and left the room, and spent the night in tears.

The next day Mr. Jenks came to take Mabel and her mother to his house, to see if there were any improvements to be made before he took his bride home. Mabel went, but took no notice of anything, and her mother had it all her own way.

Dorothy Knowles talked it over with her mother one day, and finally said: "Mother do go over and talk to Mrs. Brewster and see if she won't relent."

"Yes, I will," said Mrs. Knowles, "but how shall I approach the subject? Although we have been neighbors for years, I have never felt acquainted with her; but I'll try, Dorothy, dear."

"Oh, mother, if you were Mabel's mother, she would not have too marry against her will, would she?"

"No, my dear; your mother will never hasten your marriage, and I hope it will not be for years. Find a truly good man, my dear; do not be in a hurry; the cares of life come soon enough."

"Indeed I shall not be, and Mabel is not; it is her terrible mother."

Mrs. Knowles went over to see Mrs. Brewster that afternoon. Mrs. Brewster showed her Mabel's trossau, Mrs. Knowles all the time trying to screw her courage up to the all important point. She began:

"Does Mabel care for Mr. Jenks, Mrs. Brewster?"

"Oh, well, perhaps not, but she soon will; I guess he'll be good to her."

"But can you bear to give her to such an old man?"

"Oh, yes; where will she get a better man? That's all very pretty—love in a cottage—but I believe in a good substantial home and a sensible man."

"Mabel is very young, Mrs. Brewster, only the age of my Dorothy, and I hope she will not be married for many years."

"Well, Mrs. Knowles, is Mabel my daughter or yours? Don't you suppose I know what is best for my own child? Good afternoon!"

She said this so decidedly that Mrs. Knowles left hastily.

"Well, Dorothy, dear," she said, when she reached her gate, where Dorothy was watching anxiously for her, "I failed to make any impression upon that stone image."

One evening Mabel ran over to Mrs. Knowles' to escape the dreadful Mr. Jenks. She told Dorothy if she married him she should have enough of him, and she thought she could dispense with his society for one evening.

Dorothy said: "If you marry him? Why, aren't you going to?"

"Oh, Dorothy, dear, how do I know? Do you think God will let me be sacrificed? Oh, if my father had only lived, or if Max were only here!"

Always that refrain, "If Max were only here!" Max Bennett's father and Mabel's had been cousins. Max had more influence over Mrs. Brewster than any one, simply because he did not stand in awe of her. He had saved Mabel many a scolding and had given the poor girl many a pleasure in the past. No wonder she longed for Max.

The dreadful day came. Mabel allowed her mother to dress her in her bridal robes, and went with her mother to the church. As she walked up the aisle her friends noticed an unusual brilliancy in her eyes, and an unwanted color in her cheeks, and a little defiant look, also.

They stood before the minister; Mr. Jenks answered the questions put to him. The minister turned to Mabel and said:

"Mabel, do you take this man to be your lawfully wedded husband?"

"No, sir, I do not," said Mabel.

The guests started as if they had received an electric shock. Mabel continued:

"My mother compelled me to come, but I will not marry him!"

"Very well," said the minister, "I will not marry you one against his or her will."

Mrs. Brewster was so astonished she could not speak.

Hurrying up the aisle came a young man. He took the minister aside and spoke to him; he waited while Max—for it was he—went to Mabel.

"Mabel, dear, I am just in time; will you marry me here, now?"

"Yes, Max," she whispered.

He led her up before the minister. Mr. Jenks turned and fairly flew from the church, Mrs. Brewster following.

Mabel's old home was for sale and Max bought it. Mabel's mother did not forgive her for a long while, but Mabel was too happy to mind much. She can't bear Nehemiah, so I am afraid the two families will not visit often.—*Boston Globe.*

A LIFE-SAVING DOG.
How a mongrel, "good-for-nothing" dog, a cur of the streets, saved a man's life, was lately recorded by the Louisville Courier-Journal as part of the news of the day.
Louis Carr was painting the rear of a vacant house in Louisville. As the noon hour approached he was at work at the very top of his ladder; just under the eaves. Being in haste to finish his stint, and not wishing to spend time to go down and move the ladder, he stretched as far as possible to one side.
Just then he felt the ladder slipping away from him, and as the only means of saving himself he dropped his brush and seized the gutter with both hands. Down went the ladder, and there the painter hung, thirty-five feet from the ground.
He shouted for help, but no one heard him; no one but a small dog, which came round the corner in response to his cries.
Evidently the dog took in the situation at once. He barked furiously, winding up with a long howl. Then he ran out of the yard and across the street to a police station. There he barked again, and then ran back to the yard. These manœuvres he repeated two or three times, till the policeman began to see that something was the matter, and followed him to the rear of the house.
Then it was that the work of a moment to put up the ladder and rescue Mr. Carr, who was all but ready to drop from exhaustion.
No owner could be found for the dog, and Mr. Carr of course adopted him as his own.

POLICEMEN IN OTHER LANDS.
The German policeman is ubiquitous and autocratic and ill-advised persons who fail to carry out his instruction to the letter are sure to suffer.
Policemen in the fatherland are protected almost beyond the possibility of conviction by what is called the Dienst-Eid or service-oath, which practically means that to dispense a policeman's story you must find six independent witnesses to corroborate your own.
Nearly all German policemen are old soldiers. Each bears a sword and is not at all backward in using it, a view of duty which is supported and encouraged by the higher authorities.
A great deal is expected of the Parisian police besides keeping order. They are obliged to keep records of residents and oversee street-cleaning and public vehicles.

The death of Jacob R. Bergey, Poor Director, closed the career of a faithful public servant and the life of a useful citizen.

AND why shouldn't the Colonial Supper at City Hall, Norristown, on Washington's Birthday be a complete success?

That supper is going to be a success, and a worthy undertaking will receive deserved encouragement.

*** BUT, Brother, how about that golden era of prosperity that was to dawn on this country if the Silverites were defeated? Have you noticed the dawn yet?

No, Brother Roberts, we haven't noticed a conspicuous dawning of an era of conspicuous prosperity. Fact is, we haven't been expecting or looking for anything of the kind to come along as the result of last fall's election.

However we think there is some improvement in business circles. Times will grow better by and by.

THE votes cast by the Electors appointed by the several States for President and Vice-President of the United States were counted Wednesday last week, in the presence of both houses of Congress.

THE value of exports of American manufactures reached the sum of \$253,688,527 in 1896, as against \$201,153,663 in 1895, \$177,800,967 in 1894 and a still smaller amount in 1893.

ANOTHER war cloud threatens Europe and forces into view again the cowardly jealousy of some of the European powers.

WASHINGTON LETTER. From Our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, D. C., February 12, 1897.—Sensations billed in advance seldom materialize.

was simply squelched by the Republican leaders, who realized, if Murray did not, the danger of monkeying with such a proceeding as the counting of the electoral vote.

Nothing could give a better idea of the difficulty of attempting to say what any particular duty will be in the new tariff bill than the action of the Ways and Means committee on steel rails.

It may become necessary for Major McKinley to speak if he wishes the monetary conference bill to pass the House, as several republicans in the House are engaged in working up opposition.

The amended immigration bill, having passed both branches of Congress, has now gone to the President. Before the bill was amended so as to allow the illiterate wives and minor children of immigrants who complied with the law to come in, it was semi-officially stated to be the intention of the President to veto the bill.

Senatorial dignity has had another throw down, and it was a hard one. After voting down by an overwhelming majority the motion to discuss the arbitration treaty in open session, and taking extra precautions to keep the proceedings secret, those Senators who consider themselves the special custodians of the dignity of that body were disgusted to read each day just as full reports in the newspapers of the secret sessions as were printed of the open sessions.

Senator Allen's resolution prohibiting any army or navy officer accepting a gift of value, which he makes no secret of being intended to prevent a Washington residence being given to Gen. Nelson A. Miles as a reward for his services during the Chicago strike, is being much talked about.

Local News.

PERSONAL. Dr. James Hamer, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in Collegeville.

Miss Mabel Vanderslice, of Philadelphia, spent last week in this borough, the guest of Dr. James Hamer and family.

Miss Katharine Brendlinger, of Norristown, was the guest of Miss Anna Zimmerman last week.

Mr. Harry Steinruck, of Manayunk, was in town Monday.

Misses Edith and Jessie Gayner visited friends in Collegeville on Sunday.

Mrs. Joseph Fegley and son, Mrs. Harry Yeager and daughter, of Black Rock, and Mrs. Edward Lockhart and son of Royersford looked advantage of the good sleighing on Saturday and paid a visit to Mrs. Mary A. Bartman of Fourth avenue where a very enjoyable day was spent.

FROM OAKS. We hear our old friend Benjamin K. Famous will quit farming and expects to go into business in Norristown about the first of April.

Wm. McKinley Taylor, infant son of Charles and Susan Taylor, died on Monday morning at four o'clock of pneumonia.

The house-warming of the Upper Providence Republican Club's Building was well attended, and a good sociable time was had. It partook of the nature of a smoker and after the clouds rolled by [we mean clouds of smoke] speeches and songs ruled the hour.

Some unknown persons made an attempt to enter the residence of Mr. Wm. Higginbotham on last Tuesday night. Mr. H.'s daughter heard the storm door which had not been securely fastened, open and shortly after some one trying to insert a key or nippers in the front door lock. She awakened her father, which no doubt frightened the burglars away, as an examination showed the prints of muddy shoes on the front porch.

A rather nicely dressed tramp visited several places, asking for something to eat, and it is supposed he also examined the location for a future visit.

Albert Weikel, who has been sick since last Thanksgiving day, is able to be down stairs.

Pay day on the Perkiomen R. R. on Tuesday, the 23d. How about that horse trade? You want to get up early to make a trade with the Perkiomen boys.

Darlington Arrested. WEST CHESTER, Pa., February 15.—A sensation was sprung on this community when Smiley Darlington, president of the Chester County Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company, was arrested at the instance of Mrs. Mary A. Burnett, of Malvern. The warrant charges embezzlement, and was served on Darlington at his office in West Chester by Constable Spackman, of Malvern. Mrs. Burnett charges that Darlington permitted \$1,300 of her money to be received by the company when he knew it was insolvent. A hearing has been fixed for next Saturday. Darlington says it is all spite work.

Starved to Death. BRISTOL, Pa., February 14.—In a little log house in Makefield township, Bucks county, lived Patrick Brennan and his wife. The man was a laborer, past middle age, and his wife was of rather feeble mind. Their nearest neighbor, Thomas Doyle, lived a mile away. The winter had been cold and severe. Brennan had found little work to do. Doyle went over to the log house yesterday to find out how his neighbors were getting along. No one answered his knock and he forced his way in. On the floor lay the dead body of a smoker and sitting beside it on a stool was his widow. The man had starved to death, the woman was barely alive. The room was bare of furniture, clothing or bed covering. There was no fire in the stove. The woman was attired in rags. Doyle summoned assistance and the woman was revived a little, but she could give little account of her sufferings. The coroner found that Brennan had died of starvation. The body had lain in the cabin for a week with the feeble-minded old woman sitting beside it, slowly starving herself.

Literary Note. Ex President Harrison has written of "A Day With the President at His Desk" for the March Ladies' Home Journal. The article is said to be singularly interesting in the detail which it describes the wearisome routine of the President. It is said that General Harrison, in this article, has delivered himself with great directness and vigor, relative to the annoyances that are visited upon a Chief Executive, persistent office-seekers, and he suggests a unique plan, by which the President's burdens in that direction could be greatly lightened, and he is enabled to devote more attention to more important matters.

To South Polar Lands. After an interval of fifty years the scientific world has taken up again the matter of Antarctic exploration, and it seems likely that during the coming year much important information will be obtained regarding a region of earth's surface of which we as yet know hardly anything, whose area covers not less than 4,500,000 square miles—about once and a half that of the United States, and equal to that of the great Chinese empire.

Growing Children. One-third of all the children die before they are five years old. Most of them die of some wasting disease. They grow very slowly; keep thin in flesh; are fretful; food does not do them much good. You can't say they have any disease, yet they never prosper. A slight cold, or some stomach and bowel trouble takes them away easily.

SCOTT'S EMULSION of Cod-Liver Oil with Hypophosphites is just the remedy for growing children. It makes hard flesh; sound flesh; not soft, flabby fat. It makes strong bones, healthy nerves. It changes poor children to children rich in prosperity.

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High-Grade FERTILIZERS Wheat, Oats and Clover, ABRAM CUSTER TRAPPE, PA.

There is more cataract in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven cataract to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment.

Unclaimed WATCHES For Price of Repairs. These watches cost us nothing. They were left with us for repairs, and we repaired them, but they were never called for. We will not hold them any longer, and want to be paid for our work. We only want what's honestly ours—the repair price—and for this you can get one.

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Our Stock is Larger, Style More Varied, Quality Better and Price Less.

6 wire Tapestry Brussels in 6 styles (3/4 yd.) at 50c. a yard. 3 Star Tapestry in 2 patterns at 55c. a yd.

7 and 8 1/2 wire Tapestry Brussels in 10 styles at 65c. 10 wire Tapestry, very heavy back and will wear as good as a Body Brussels at a good deal less cost, 87c. a yd.

Velvet Brussels, 3/4 yd. wide, and good quality, at \$1.10 a yd. Moquette, in 2 styles, at \$1.25. Extra Super Minion Ingrain Carpet, at 37 1/2c. Extra Super Wool Ingrain Carpet at 55c.

Ingrain Stair Carpets at 20, 25 and 30c. a yard. Rag Carpets, 2 styles, one at 30c. a yard, one at 35c. a yard.

Couches and Lounges. The whole stock will be in this week, but as they are not in at this writing yet we cannot give a full list of prices.

Parlor Furniture: 5 piece suit of 2 wall chairs, 1 arm chair, 1 rocker and 1 sofa, with imitation cherry frames and covered with silk tapestry, \$26. 5 piece suit in over stuffed arms covered with silk tapestry, at \$37.5. 5 piece suit in open frame work, covered with silk brocatelle, at \$42.50.

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THE EAGLEVILLE STORE We have bargains to offer our worthy patrons. Here are some of them: Men's Oil Grain Waterproof Boots, Freed's, at \$2.50; others at \$2.40. Freed's Best Rip at \$2.50; others \$2.35 and \$2.

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Second—We have begun an under-value sale in Dress Goods, Muslins, Tickings, Crash and Flannels that is a landmark in the way of selling value in quality for undervalue in price.

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 TERMS: \$1.25 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE.
 Thursday, Feb. 18, 1897.

HOME AND ABROAD.

For additional local matter, including our correspondence from Oaks, see editorial page.

Hon. H. W. Kratz, from this county, has introduced a bill in the Legislature appropriating \$120,000 to the State Hospital for the insane at Norristown.

A regular meeting of the Upper Providence Normal school will be held at the Menomonee school house, near Yerkes, on Saturday evening, February 27, 1897.

Cows averaged \$42 at Todd & McLees' public sale at Smoyer's hotel, Trappe, last Friday.

The question of a borough charter for the village of Limerick Square is being agitated. The population is 150, with less than 50 voters.

Mrs. Caroline Sager, of Philadelphia, has purchased a property of Wm. H. Davis, at Ironbridge. She will take possession soon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Voorhes, of Pawling, recently celebrated their crystal wedding. Many friends wish them a long and happy life.

Robert Oehlert, proprietor of the Royersford Carriage Works advertises in another column. See ad.

The well-known firm of Stahlnecker & Yost, who have for a number of years been successfully engaged as real estate and general business agents, in Norristown, has been dissolved by mutual consent.

Philadelphia Markets.

Winter wheat, \$1.25 @ 1.27; flour, \$2.55 to \$4.65; rye flour, \$2.75; wheat, \$9 to \$9.10; corn, 27.00; oats, 23.00; butter, 19 to 21c; poultry, live, 9@10c, dressed, \$4.00; Timothy hay, 70@80c; mixed, 65@75c; straw, 65@10c; beef cattle 4@5c; sheep, 3 @ 4@; lambs, 4 @5c; hogs, western, \$4 @5c.

Library Enlarged.

The Collegeville W. C. T. U. presented the following books to the library of the high school of this borough, to-wit: "Charles and his Lamb," "The Strike at Shaines," "Our God, Mine at Holyhurst," and "Four Months in New Hampshire." In addition to these sixteen other new books were lately added to the library.

The Colonial Tea.

The Colonial Tea by the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity church, this borough, in the dining rooms of Prospect Terrace, will be given on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, the 27th inst., and not on the 20th inst. as originally announced. A goodly portion of the proceeds of the tea will be strictly donated to charity, and the balance will go to furnishing the church. The several committees are busily at work, and a very pleasant social occasion is in prospect.

RELIGIOUS.

Services in St. Paul's Memorial Protestant Episcopal Church at Oaks station, on Sundays at 10:45 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. The sexton is free and a cordial welcome is always extended to all persons to attend the services of this church. Rev. Benj. J. Douglass, Rector.

Episcopal service at St. James',

Evansburg, every Sunday at 10:30 a. m., Sunday school, 2 p. m. Also a service at Royersford at 3 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, rector.

Ironbridge

Preaching next Sabbath evening at 7:30, by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Hendricks; Sabbath School at 2 p. m.; Christian Endeavor at 6:45 p. m. All invited.

Evansburg M. E. church,

Evansburg, M. E. church, Sunday school at 9:45 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 7:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

St. Luke's Reformed Church,

Trappe. Rev. S. L. Messenger, pastor. Sunday school at 9 a. m. Preaching every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor on Sunday evening at 6:30. Congregational prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30. Catechetical class at 2 p. m., and Junior C. E. prayer-meeting at 3 p. m., on Saturday. All cordially invited to attend the services.

United Evangelical church,

Trappe. Wednesday evening prayer service at 7:30 o'clock; Sunday school at 1:30 p. m. Preaching next Sunday at 2:30 o'clock p. m. All are cordially invited to attend. Rev. N. Barr, pastor.

Augustus Lutheran church,

Trappe. Services next Sunday at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Services conducted by the pastor, Rev. I. B. Kurtz. All invited.

Trinity Church,

Wednesday evening, prayer service, 7:30 o'clock. Sunday: Sunday school, 9 a. m.; preaching, 10 a. m., by Prof. W. A. Kline, B. D.; the Junior C. E. prayer service at 2 p. m.; the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer service, at 6:30 p. m. Mr. D. H. Bartman, leader, the monthly missionary meeting, at 7:30 p. m. On Sunday morning, in the Skipackville church, new members will be received and the Sacrament of the Holy Communion administered.

Your Boy Won't Live a Month.

So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill St., South Gardner, Mass., was told by the doctors. His son had lung trouble, following Typhoid Malaria, and he spent three hundred and seventy dollars with doctors who finally gave him up, saying: "Your boy won't live a month." He tried Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to the use of Dr. King's New Discovery, and knows it to be the best in the world for Lung trouble. Trial bottles free at Gilbert's Drug Store.

Farmers' Institute.

A Farmers' Institute will be held in Phoenixville March 1 and 2. Interesting programs have been arranged and all who are interested in agriculture should endeavor to attend the sessions of the coming institute.

Basket Social.

The Ladies' Aid Society No. 30, of Sauw's veterans, will in celebration of their second anniversary by holding a basket social in Bean's hall, Schwenksville, next Saturday evening, February 20, 1897. Music and refreshments.

Mite Society Meeting.

The Mite Society of the Lower Providence Presbyterian church held an anniversary meeting Tuesday evening. The attendance was good and the literary and musical exercises proved to be very entertaining. Several sections were rendered by the Trunkess Brothers, male quartet.

Luther League Convention.

The annual convention of the B. M. C. Central Luther League will be held in Trinity Lutheran church, Perkasi, Pa., on Monday, February 22, 1897, opening at 10 o'clock a. m., with morning, afternoon and evening sessions. All Young Peoples' Societies are cordially invited to send their pastor and two lay delegates.

Temperance Rally.

There will be a Temperance Rally held in St. Luke's church, Trappe, on Tuesday evening, February 23. The exercises, which will consist of addresses and special music, will commence at 7:30 o'clock. Great pains have been taken in the preparation of the program and the rally promises to be the most interesting ever held in this church. All are cordially invited to be present.

Surprise Party.

Last Saturday evening Master Maurice Robison, son of Mr. J. P. Robison, this borough, was tendered a surprise party by a number of his school friends. The party of boys and girls met at the home of Miss Annie Wismer, and thence went in a body to the Robison farm. There were about twenty in all. The hours of the evening were whiled away with games and other amusements. Refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cakes, fruit of all kinds, were served. The affair was a complete surprise to Master Maurice, and was voted a success by all present.

Large Public Sale.

One of the largest public sales ever held in this section of the county was that of J. G. Detwiler's, Lower Providence, last Thursday. Hundreds of persons were present and the prices realized for the live stock, farming implements, etc., were very satisfactory. The bidding times for the farm were lively enough to keep auctioneer Fetterolf out of mischief. The posters were printed at this office and the sale was well advertised in the INDEPENDENT.

The C. E. Sociable.

The winter sociable of the C. E. Sociating of Trinity church, this borough, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lentz, Olivian Hall, Thursday evening, last, the 11th inst., was a most delightful affair. In the several rooms of the hall generously given for the use of the sociable, interesting games were simultaneously being indulged in. The evening's enjoyment closed with a substantial supper, the menu consisted of bread and butter, fried oysters, coffee and cakes, an abundance of punch and punch served by the genteel waiters. The members of the society and invited friends present, numbered 80.

Oratorical Contest.

The annual Inter-Society debate between representative members of the Zionlian and Schaff Literary Societies of Ursinus College, under the direction of the Faculty of that institution, will be held on the coming Monday evening in Memorial Hall, at 7:30 o'clock. The prizes of twenty-five dollars in gold will be awarded by the Faculty to the two successful contestants. The following will represent the Societies and compete for the prizes: Ralph Johnson, George L. Onwaka, and Lewis B. Wertz, Zionlian; and Cyrus Gresh, Ralph Spangler and John Reagle, Schaff. The Ursinus College Orchestra will furnish the music of the evening.

A Lively Chase.

The Lower Providence hunt had a long chase after the fox known as the "Perkiomen Kanger," on Thursday. He was found at home in the state hills, was started by the hounds, and took a course north to Spring Mount. After circling there, he took a course northeast to Sunnewtown, thence to Deeds' mill, thence to Finland and was still going toward Haycock Mountain, when the hounds were called off at 4:30 in the afternoon. The fox was only three minutes away from the state hills when they started. Those in the hunt were: J. Saylor, T. Pugh, N. Kulp, V. Bean and E. Kulp. They were in the saddle for thirteen hours.

Valley Forge.

Governor Lippitt, of Rhode Island, has affixed his signature to the bill appropriating \$10,000 for the memorial to be erected by that state on the Valley Forge camp ground. This appropriation absorbs one of \$2000 made last year to erect a memorial over the Waterman grave on the Todd property. The \$10,000 memorial will be erected on the Star Redoubt, a few hundred yards distant, on the property of William Skippack. The site will best commemorate the location of the Rhode Island encampment, John Waterman's grave, Varnum's headquarters, the burial ground of the Rhode Islanders, and the Star Redoubt. The proposed memorial is 22 feet high and 10 feet square. The base to be constructed of rough-faced granite. Rhode Island is the first state to second the efforts of Pennsylvania, and to take active measures to commemorate the services of her men at Valley Forge.

Food's Sarasaparilla is known to be an

honest medicine, and it actually cures when all others fail. Take it now.

Very Large Horns.

Proprietor Shepard, of Perkiomen Bridge Hotel, has on exhibition two ox horns in the country. They measure 6 feet 5 inches from tip to tip and are beautifully mounted. They were imported from South Africa.

The Directors Will Elect.

To fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Bergey's death, to which reference is made elsewhere in this issue, the remaining members of the Board of Poor Directors will elect a Director who will serve until the next general election. The other members of the Board are William Shepherd and Franklin Eppelheimer.

A Life Crushed Out.

John Mason, employed on a shifting crew, was crushed Tuesday forenoon between two cars at Swede's furnace, Swedeland. He was taken to Charity Hospital, where he died at 10 o'clock Tuesday night. Mason had only recently recovered from a severe attack of typhoid fever, which laid him at death's door, and he was beginning to look his usual self again. He was 35 years of age. A wife and several children survive him.

Woman Suffrage.

At the monthly meeting of the Montgomery County Woman Suffrage Association Saturday, held in the Coleman building, Norristown, routine business was transacted. A petition was signed by the officers on behalf of the association and sent to the Legislature, asking that the bill, now pending, relating to the equal rights of women in property to the widow in the estate of her deceased husband dying intestate, shall be passed. An article from the Phoenixville Republican was read, in which favorable comment was made upon the nomination of Miss Pennypacker and Mrs. H. Y. Hallowell as School Directors in that vicinity. The two nominees had the congratulations and best wishes of the Montgomery County Association.

Ladies' Aid Society.

On Monday evening an unusually interesting meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity church, this borough, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Paist. The attendance was large, and everything served to make the evening an enjoyable one to present. The social routine business was transacted at the business meeting. The coming supper was discussed, and it was decided that it should take place on Saturday afternoon and evening of the 27th instead of the 20th as was previously announced. The following program was rendered: Instrumental Solo, Carrie Sealey; Recitation, Miss Jesse Royer; Piano Duett, Misses Hendricks and Robison; Violin Solo, Master Fred Reigner; Vocal Solo, Miss Vinnie Mensch; Recitation, Miss Hewitt; Mandolin Solo, Miss Frances Moser. Miss Hewitt's recitation was clever, indeed, and little Miss Paist's piano solo was executed in such a pretty and good way as to elicit much praise and commendation. The next meeting of the Society will be held at Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hobson's.

The Colonial Supper Will Be an Extensive Affair.

The ladies having in hand the arrangements for the coming supper for the benefit of the Montgomery County Historical Society, have good reason to promise a first-class supper, at such a pretty and good place as the City Hall, Norristown. Washington's Birthday, February 22. The feature of the evening will be the supper to be served in the armory from 4:30 to 8:30. There will be ten tables, each presided over by three matrons and eight aids dressed in the cap and kerchief of the colonial period. There will be seating capacity for two hundred persons at one time. The menu will be a tempting one and will consist of fried oysters, potato salad, cold turkey, chicken, ham, tongue and beef; bread and rolls, cake and gelatine, tea and coffee. The City Hall, which has been secured for the occasion, will also contain the antique exhibit, ice cream, cake, candy, flower tables and a lemonade well. The exhibition of antiques will be an interesting one. A musical program will be rendered during the evening from 5:30 to 8:30.

FROM LOWER PROVIDENCE.

The X rays were applied, without practical results thus far, to Lewis Jarrett to locate injuries he received several months ago. He is under the treatment of H. H. Umstad, Phoenixville, and a trained nurse. He is completely paralyzed and can move neither hand or foot. Much sympathy is expressed on his behalf by numerous friends.

Any reliable news of a public nature and devoid of offensive personalities belongs to the public, notwithstanding adverse criticism from the lady at the "adjoining store."

FROM TRAPPE.

The members of Town Council, of Trappe, convened Monday night. Bills for opening roads amounting to \$911 were received and ordered paid. The Treasurer reported a balance in the Treasury of \$707.13. It was agreed that the Finance Committee meet the Supervisors of Upper Providence and pay the amount due the township from the borough. Council adjourned to meet Friday night, February 26, to settle up affairs for the present year.

Strange things happen; very strange.

The informer who caused the constable to be informed of a certain rendezvous where card players frequently met to indulge in games, and who advised "break it up" proceedings hardly dreamed of being granted to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Joseph W. Cubert, Collegeville, Pa.

Bucklin's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the World for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Bleeding Fever Sores, Tetter, Chaps, Hives, Itchings, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Joseph W. Cubert, Collegeville, Pa.

Stop-over Privilege at Washington.

A ten-day stop-over at Washington, D. C., is now granted on all through tickets between the East and West, via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Stop-over will also be granted on the return journey made on round trip tickets, within the final limit of such tickets, but not exceeding ten days. Passengers will deposit their tickets with the Ticket Agent at B. & O. R. Station in Washington, who will retain them until the journey is to be resumed, when they will be made good for continuous passage to destination by extension or exchange. This arrangement will doubtless be greatly appreciated by the travelling public because it will permit the holders of through tickets to make a brief visit to the National Capital without additional outlay for railroad fare.

ELECTION RESULTS.

Tuesday was a bright election day, from the weather standpoint, at any rate.

In this borough the returns show that quite a number of Republicans didn't put their cross marks in circles. Then there was a "just for fun" element that gave person Abraham Grater seven votes for Burgess, and gave George Smith 1 vote for the same office. This must have been a very funny proceeding indeed, quite side-splitting. The vote is as follows, the candidates elected being marked with an asterisk. Horace Koons, 3; Francis Clamer for Burgess and J. L. Bechtel for Justice of the Peace appeared on both Republican and Citizens tickets, and their election is practically unanimous:

Burgess—F. J. Clamer, r, 100. Town Council—Abram Tyson, r, 71; M. O. Roberts, r, 78; Jesse Laros, c, 52. Justice of the Peace—J. L. Bechtel, r, 105. School Directors—Edward A. Krasen, r, 51; Azariah Halteman, r, 70; Jesse Laros, c, 62; G. W. Yost, c, 42. Tax Collector—F. C. Prizer, r, 78; Samuel S. Auge, c, 33. Auditor—G. W. Zimmerman, r, 66; Horace Koons, c, 43. Judge of Elections—J. M. Zimmerman, r, 83; Geo. W. B. Ach, c, 27. Inspector—Horace Koons, r, 74; F. J. Ashenfelter, c, 36.

In the Borough of Trappe there was a Republican and a Citizen in the field. Result: Burgess—John D. Saylor, r, 50; Francis Zollers, c, 42; Town Council—J. Warren Royer, r, 57; David G. Tysen, r, 65; Henry U. Wismer, c, 47. Tax Collector—James R. Weikel, r, 53; Samuel Pugh, c, 39; Justice of the Peace—B. W. Weikel, r, 59; F. R. Rushong, r, 39; Philip Williams, c, 1. P. Bradford, c, 34; Auditor—Fred. Rhoades, r, 43; Irwin C. Brunner, c, 44. School Directors—Thomas Slotterer, r, 46; A. H. Custer, r, c, 82; Anthony Poley, r, c, 77; Joseph H. Custer, r, c, 80; Milton H. Keeler, c, 38. Judge of Elections—Benj. W. Weikel, r, c, 81; F. Saylor, c, 8; B. F. Brownback, c, 18.

RESULT IN UPPER PROVIDENCE.

Following is the result of the election in the Lower, Mingo, and Trappe Districts of Upper Providence.

L. D. M. P. T. D. JUDGE OF ELECTIONS.
 S. C. Williams r 210
 I. M. Hallman d 90
 A. D. Bechtel r 60
 J. K. Pegley d 25
 T. H. Wilson r 43
 Samuel Gouldy d 23
 INSPECTOR.
 S. Howard Youm r 205
 Harvey Geist d 99
 David Ritzenhouse r 56
 A. T. Reed d 29
 Milton Schrack r 45
 Daniel Shuler d 21
 ASSISTANT ASSESSOR.
 A. R. Grover r 909
 Abram R. Hallman d 59
 Penrose Thomas r 26
 Joseph Stierly d 25

SUPERVISORS.

Abraham Hallman r 233 87 25
 Frank Showalter r 130 60 35
 Samuel Poley d 91 43 39
 B. Frank Forker d 74 26 27

TAX COLLECTOR.

C. S. Carmack r 220 57 40
 Milton Etlinger d 84 28 26

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Horace Priest r 208 58 39
 John D. Whitty d 96 26 26

TOWN CLERK.

Harry Harley r 209 58 39
 Daniel Walt d 91 27 26

ADDITORS.

L. E. Griffin r 207 56 38
 Sam'l Ritzenhouse r 195 57 40
 Isaac D. Kulp d 96 24 24
 Theo. Smoyer d 97 27 21

DEATHS.

William Sheeler, aged 27 years, son of Jeremiah and Caroline Sheeler of Trappe, died Friday evening at the home of his parents. Death was primarily due to a severe attack of grippe. The funeral services were held at the home last (Wednesday) evening. Interment at Hill church cemetery, Berks county, to-day; undertaker John S. Kepler in charge.

AFTER SEVERE ILLNESS OF ONE WEEK

from pleurisy pneumonia, Poor Director Jacob R. Bergey died at his home in Lower Salford, Saturday afternoon, aged 59 years. He leaves a widow and three children—Rev. James Bergey, of West Milton, Pa., John Bergey, a public school teacher at West Point, and Mrs. Elizabeth Moyer, at home. The funeral will be held Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m. in the Trinity Reformed church, Skipack. Mr. Bergey was elected Poor Director in 1892, and was re-elected in 1895. He has been a useful member of the Board; painstaking and scrupulously honest in all his transactions.

STOP-OVER PRIVILEGE AT WASHINGTON.

A ten-day stop-over at Washington, D. C., is now granted on all through tickets between the East and West, via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Stop-over will also be granted on the return journey made on round trip tickets, within the final limit of such tickets, but not exceeding ten days. Passengers will deposit their tickets with the Ticket Agent at B. & O. R. Station in Washington, who will retain them until the journey is to be resumed, when they will be made good for continuous passage to destination by extension or exchange. This arrangement will doubtless be greatly appreciated by the travelling public because it will permit the holders of through tickets to make a brief visit to the National Capital without additional outlay for railroad fare.

TO WIDEN AND CHANGE THE COURSE OF MAIN STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF COLLEGEVILLE.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Collegeville, in Town Council assembled, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same: SECTION 1. That the public street heretofore known as the Perkiomen and Reading Turnpike road, be changed to its course, and that the centre line of said street BEGIN in the middle of the Perkiomen Bridge on the line dividing the borough of Borough of Collegeville from the Township of Lower Providence; thence north eighty-one degrees thirty-three minutes west fifty-seven and one-third feet to the end of the wings of said bridge; thence north twenty-eight degrees thirty-three minutes west fifty-two and one-third feet to the end of the intersection of the centre line of the one and one-half mile Summery Turnpike road; thence north sixty degrees forty-seven minutes west four hundred and sixty-six feet to the centre line of the Turnpike road; thence north thirty-one degrees west four hundred and forty-nine and one-tenth feet to an iron pin; thence north twenty-four degrees twenty-eight and seven-tenths feet to an iron pin on the intersection of a public road leading toward Phoenixville; thence north thirty-nine degrees west four hundred and forty-nine and one-tenth feet to an iron pin; 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RAILROADS.

PERKIOMEN RAILROAD.

Passenger trains leave Colledgeville Station as follows:

FOR PHILADELPHIA AND POINTS SOUTH.

Milk..... 6:44 a. m.
 Accommodation..... 7:33 a. m.
 Market..... 12:43 p. m.
 Accommodation..... 4:03 p. m.
 FOR ALLENTOWN AND POINTS NORTH AND WEST.

Mail..... 8:06 a. m.
 Accommodation..... 8:09 a. m.
 Market..... 3:13 p. m.
 Accommodation..... 5:46 p. m.

SUNDAYS—SOUTH.

Milk..... 7:13 a. m.
 Accommodation..... 6:13 p. m.

NORTH.

Accommodation..... 8:35 a. m.
 Milk..... 7:42 p. m.

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 NINTH COLLEGIATE YEAR.

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Fresh From the Factories, now on Exhibition at the

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We are now prepared to offer our customers goods at prices never before heard of.

Our line of Chamber Suits, at prices ranging from \$12 to \$50, are the best in the market, and are well worth inspection.

Parlor Suits in Hair Cloth, Brocade, and Silk Tapestry, from \$15 to \$50, are hard to be equalled.

Sideboards, from \$8.50 to \$30, in Solid Oak, fancy tops and plate glasses, are the finest.

Dining Room Chairs, Fancy Rockers, Lounges, Couches, Hall Racks and Fancy Book Cases, that cannot fail to attract your attention, both in quality and price.

We carry a full line of Rugs, Carpet Sweepers, Toilet Sets, Fancy Lamps, Dinner and Tea Sets.

Bed Springs, Mattresses, Pillows, Bolsters, Feather, and Bedding of all kinds.

Our line of Carpets is complete. Best Ingrain at 50 cents; good at 40 cents; hair at 25 cents.

Picture Frames made to order.

Window Shades of all kinds. We are selling a good Spring Roller Shade at 25 cents.

Make your selections early, while stock is complete.

Repeating and upholstery attended to promptly.

All goods delivered free.

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It Is Not ECONOMY.

Time is Wasted,
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Paints,

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First-class Accommodations for Man and Beast.

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Old and New Patrons cordially received. Ample accommodations for man and beast. Terms reasonable. Make the Hartranft House your headquarters when in town.

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Carriage-Works!

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I have a very large stock of wheel material on hand, and will repair wheels of all kinds at 10 per cent. less than former low prices.

Also several sets of LIGHT WHEELS.

Extra bargains in ordered carriages and business wagons.

Repairing of all kinds promptly attended to.

Painting and Varnishing a Specialty.

Have one New Spring Wagon with top, carry about ten hundred pounds, will sell very cheap to close out.

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SALES, ETC.

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| Butter..... | \$201.29 | Seed wheat..... | 19.60 |
| Cream..... | 229.90 | Ort. cart..... | 10.70 |
| Eggs..... | 85.71 | Ort. cart..... | 10.70 |
| Poultry..... | 40.61 | Old hay rick..... | 2.50 |
| Cow..... | 112.32 | Hickory..... | 1.00 |
| Calves..... | 34.82 | Indian corn..... | 10.00 |
| Hogs..... | 27.90 | Old iron..... | 3.74 |
| Lard..... | 58.84 | Shoe soeling..... | 2.61 |
| Hay..... | 84.42 | Milk..... | 1.25 |
| H. Seed, wood..... | 117.34 | Pasture..... | 3.80 |
| Charles Muller, farm help..... | 60.45 | Leaves, manure..... | 1.20 |
| Hay..... | 3.40 | Blankets..... | 2.00 |
| Empty barrels..... | 13.80 | Buckets..... | 3.00 |
| Clothing..... | 14.00 | Goods..... | 8.00 |
| Coffin..... | 1.00 | Use of wagon..... | 1.00 |
| Best of window panes..... | 13.42 | Window panes..... | 1.00 |
| Soup..... | 21.21 | Total..... | \$878.79 |
| Live pigeons..... | 4.50 | Board, etc..... | 387.59 |
| Separating milk..... | 72.15 | Total..... | \$1266.38 |
| Tobacco..... | 11.45 | Total receipts..... | \$4266.56 |
| Potatoes..... | 11.45 | | |

COAL -- COAL.

FLOUR,

Corn, Bran, Middlings,
 OATS, LINED MEAL,
 AND CAKE MEAL.

Shoemaker's Phosphate, and others. Harrison's Town and Country Paint, second to none in the market. Also Harrison's Runch and Ready Paint—a cheap durable paint for barns and fencing.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

HOW TO PUT OUT A FIRE.

Fire requires air; therefore, on its appearance every effort should be made to exclude air. Shut all doors and windows. By this means fire may be confined to a single room for a sufficient period to allow all the inmates to be aroused and escape; but if the doors and windows are thrown open, the fanning of the wind and draught will instantly cause the flames to increase with great rapidity, says the Massachusetts Ploughman. It must never be forgotten that the most precious moments are at the commencement of a fire, and not a single second of time should be lost in tackling it. In a room a table cloth can be so used as to smother a large sheet of flame, and a cushion may serve to beat it out; a coat or anything similar may be used with an equally successful result. In all large houses buckets of water should be placed on every landing, a little salt being put into the water. Always endeavor to attack the bed of the fire; if you cannot extinguish a fire, shut the window, and be sure to shut the door when making good your retreat. A wet silk handkerchief tied over the eyes and nose will make breathing possible in the midst of much smoke and a wet blanket wrapped around the body will enable a person to pass through a sheet of flame in comparative safety. Should a lady's dress catch fire, let the wearer lie down at once; rolling may extinguish the fire, but if not, anything (woolen preferred) wrapped tightly around will effect the desired purpose.

OUTDOOR RELIEF FURNISHED.

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| Upper District..... | \$182.59 |
| Lower..... | 176.93 |
| Total..... | \$359.52 |

OUTDOOR MEDICAL ATTENDANCE.

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| A. V. Ellershaw, 207 P. O. Wickert..... | 24.00 |
| H. P. Scholl, 145 5th St. A. Kulpe..... | 14.00 |
| H. Hunsberger, 122 3d St. G. Crane..... | 14.00 |
| A. A. Hoopman, 100 9th St. H. Corson..... | 12.00 |
| H. W. Fries, 100 9th St. H. Corson..... | 12.00 |
| J. O. Kulp, 102 9th St. H. Umstad..... | 10.00 |
| E. J. Johnson, 159 9th St. Johnson..... | 7.00 |
| G. N. Higley, 104 5th St. Hunsberger..... | 5.00 |
| H. Y. Leichter, 88 5th St. Bechtel..... | 5.00 |
| L. Y. Leichter, 88 5th St. Bechtel..... | 5.00 |
| Jon. Faust, 83 5th St. Y. Eisenberg..... | 5.00 |
| J. E. Ritter, 45 5th St. Y. Eisenberg..... | 5.00 |
| M. F. Acker, 90 7th St. Y. Weiser..... | 5.00 |
| G. A. Weiser, 45 5th St. Y. Weiser..... | 5.00 |
| H. M. Allen, 44 5th St. C. Lukes..... | 7.00 |
| G. F. K. | 35.00 |
| S. C. Sipple, | 35.00 |
| J. S. Mowrey, Jr., | 28.00 |
| Total..... | \$1997.25 |

OUTDOOR BURIALS.

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| G. Y. Smith, 270 6th St. E. Wampole..... | 10.00 |
| J. G. Gilbert, 99 6th St. W. Klusbach..... | 10.00 |
| G. W. Wilson, 80 6th St. J. L. Bechtel..... | 10.00 |
| C. J. Comfort, 60 6th St. J. L. Bechtel..... | 10.00 |
| J. J. Ferry, 45 6th St. J. L. Bechtel..... | 10.00 |
| J. W. Mowday, 35 6th St. W. Klusbach..... | 10.00 |
| C. O. Johnson, 20 6th St. O. J. Bishop..... | 10.00 |
| T. J. Carroll, 10 6th St. O. J. Bishop..... | 5.00 |
| H. P. Fryer, 10 6th St. F. Moore..... | 5.00 |
| A. W. Hallman, 10 6th St. F. Moore..... | 5.00 |
| C. W. Lewis, 10 6th St. F. Moore..... | 5.00 |
| Total..... | \$84.00 |

SALARIES AND WAGES.

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| Alms-house supplies, etc..... | 1,240.98 |
| Outdoor medical attend..... | 1,997.25 |
| Outdoor medical attend..... | 840.00 |
| Total amount paid..... | \$4,078.23 |
| From which deduct: | |
| Cash received..... | 3,529.90 |
| Outdoor medical attend..... | 1,997.25 |
| Outdoor medical attend..... | 840.00 |
| Board of children..... | 807.00 |
| Fee of pauper..... | 41.00 |
| Printing statements, etc..... | 496.45 |
| Board and state Assn. Assessments..... | 45.00 |
| Insurance..... | 750.00 |
| Permanent improvements..... | 1,988.43 |
| Total..... | \$19,261.09 |

French breeders pay attention to the breeding of long distance trotters which can keep their gait for many miles at a stretch. Even in our road horse we are not breeding very fast to a distinctive purpose. Next to draft horses there is no class for which there is a better demand at paying prices than for a good roadster. Horses which easily tire do not fill the bill.

An Eastern fruit man says the pear tree will thrive better after being mistreated than almost any other kind of tree.

LIVER PILLS

MANUFACTURED IN ALMSHOUSE.

127 brooms, 85 coats, 229 pair pants, 25 vests, 292 shirts, 97 undershirts, 97 men's drawers, 2 pair suspenders, 3 men's kitchen jackets, 75 pair mittens, 44 women's dresses, 29 waists, 10 petticoats, 15 children dresses, 29 aprons, 25 underclothes, 15 children dresses, 29 petticoats, 22 quilts, 5 bed ticks, 71 hospital bandages, 112 sheets, 21 straw pillows, 150 pillow cases, 35 towels, 10 boiler cases.

MANUFACTURED IN CREAMERY.

11,206 pounds of butter made 8,182 pounds sold, 1,025 pounds consumed. 1120 quarts of cream sold.

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| Total..... | \$4550.00 |
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