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LITTLE BOY BLUE. The little boy dog is covered with dust, But sturdy and staunch he stands; And the little tin soldier is red with rust, And his market motto is in his hands. Time was when the little toy dog was new, And the soldier was passing fair, And that was the time when our Little Boy Blue Kissed them and put them there. "Now, don't go till I come," he said, "And don't you make any noise!" So toddling off to his trundle-bed He dreamed of the pretty toys, And as he was dreaming an angel song Awakened our Little Boy Blue— Oh, the years, many the years are long, But she little toy friends are true! Eye, faithful to Little Boy Blue they stand, Each in the same old place, Awaiting the touch of a little hand, The smile of a little face. And they wonder as waiting these long years through, In the dust of that little chair, What has become of our Little Boy Blue Since he kissed them and put them there. —Eugene Field.

EUGENE FIELD. BY W. M. RIFE

[The following eulogy was delivered at the 27th anniversary of the Zwinglean Literary Society in Bomberger Memorial Hall, on Friday evening, March 26, 1897.]

There is a difference between loving a poet and having a deep affection for his works. Classic verse is respected and revered because of the quality of its thought. Milton, in his great English Epic, has chosen a sublime theme—the fall of man and the plan for his redemption. Homer and Virgil sing of chivalry and valor. They are such as have written well but for towering intellects. Contrasted with this class is the inimitable Burns whose heart bubbled into sad song at the sight of a field mouse upturned by his plowshare. There is also Whittier whose poetic genius has discerned the joyous, princely state of boyhood; and Holmes whose good nature and sympathy suggest excuses for the follies and failures of mankind. There have been the great and kindly hearts which have thrived in sympathetic accord with the heart of the great world. They have touched the responsive chord in the soul of humanity. To this class belongs the subject of my eulogy, Eugene Field, the "poet laureate of childhood."

In the web of Eugene Field's life there were interwoven many vicissitudes of fortune. Born at St. Louis in 1850 he died in Chicago at 45. When but a child, he mourned the death of his mother and his boyhood was spent in a New England home. Immediately after entering Williams' College at the age of 18, upon the demise of his father, his guardian placed him in Knox College. Field, however, soon left Knox College for the University of Missouri which he regarded as his alma mater, although he never enjoyed the honors and privileges of the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Eugene Field learned his great lessons by contact with the world. Life was his school; bitter experience his proud master; and only when the death angel came to "rend the fleshy veil" and call him to the beyond, may be said to have had

his commencement day. Nowhere in his diversified career in school had he gained a reputation for devotion to learning or evinced any trait which might have led his solicitous friends to predict that his early death would call forth such universal utterances of esteem.

Upon attaining his majority, the orphaned Field found himself the positive possessor of an estate of \$60,000. "A boy of twenty-one," he said, "and sixty thousand dollars. It was a lovely combination." Without a friend to counsel him in the investment of his heritage, he embarked for Europe and returned a year later poor in money but rich in valuable experience. Though he spent his money with a lavish hand, he was not disposed to exhaust his patrimony in "riotous living" or wanton luxury. This journey abroad, on which a college friend accompanied him and enjoyed his unbounded liberality, is typical of his whole life. What he earned was spent to gratify a sudden impulse and the expenditure was at the same time, likely to "comprehend a bounty" to some needy friend. Poor as he was he seemed to make his disbursements according to the principle "It is more blessed to give than to receive." That he was liberal and generous, his own words are evidence.

"Through all my life the poor shall find In me a constant friend; And on the meek of every kind My mercy shall attend."

The loss of his fortune was not the most untoward circumstance of his dawning manhood. Need and ragged misery compelled him to engage his talents in worthy labor and after twenty years of patient toil he had in a great measure retrieved his lost fortune and had become a widely known journalist, poet and humorist.

Eugene Field distinguished himself in journalism for which he had a natural bent of mind and for which the experiences of his early life gave him a peculiar fitness. Having found an opportunity to enter this profession he connected himself with the St. Louis Journal in which association he attained his first prominence as a writer of editorial paragraphs, a function which demands wide information, deliberate thought and trenchant expression. After a very popular and reputable connection with several western newspapers, he came to Chicago as a member of the editorial staff of The News. Here in "Sharps and Flats" a department of the News in which he was given absolute liberty to insert whatever he wrote Eugene Field demonstrated his excellence as a journalist. His superiority was manifest in the versatility of his genius by which he was able continuously to furnish for popular edification—variety of topic, spontaneity of thought and timely point. From day to day he wrote what may justly merit the genuine literary stamp.

Eugene Field's poems constitute his special claim to fame. He has been fitly styled the "poet laureate" of the children. Children were his constant and best appreciated visitors. From children came the most touching expressions of sympathy at the time of his death. It was for children and about children that he had written. He had carried his youth into the years of his manhood; his mind was full of the fairy lore of childhood. It was therefore easy for Eugene Field to mingle with the children for whose entertainment he gave all his talents; and it was but natural that they should become the subjects of his sweetest and most touching lines. In this direction his gift was unique.

As a poet, Eugene Field made no pretensions to distinction. "I'm only a newspaper man," he once said, "I don't claim to be anything else." His critics say, "It was the remark of a man habitually modest."

His poetry lacks professionalism but it embodies his truest contribution to the literature and art of his time. It is simple. It is adapted to the states of childhood than which there are but few more tender themes. The author has enhanced it by his genial personality and his fluent movement of expression. He has added to his theme the warmth of his nature and the genuineness of his feeling. Whatever technical discrepancies we may find in even the best of his verse we pardon the lesser fault and delight in the generous personality of the author. We enjoy that revelation "which touches the universal heart." We await that "something over and above his work predominantly alive in it which is really the man himself, his nature, his character, his distinctive point of view." Mr. Steadman has said of him, "He has

certainly left pieces, compact of the rarer elements, sufficient in number to preserve for him a unique place among America's original characters, scholarly wits and poets of bright fancy."

His distinctive forte was the poetry of childhood and "Little Boy Blue" embodies his inimitable effort. It reveals supreme perception of theme. It renders evident an intimate bond of union between the substance of the poem and the style of the verse. It radiates the delicate perfume of his rare genius and his artistic touch. He clothes the sympathetic pictures of home and nursery in an atmosphere of stealing tenderness and pathetic enchantment and his humor strikes a chord which is thoroughly fresh and charming and tenderly resonant, possessed of a generous spirit a boundless sympathy, a friendship of most intimate charm, to have known him to have come in contact with him for but a few brief moments gave an uplift to life and pierced the saddest hour with a shaft of mellow sunshine. "Genius blossomed in him with its roots deep down in his heart's blood" and while there are children to gather and love its flowers they will bless the name of Eugene Field who from out the rich deposits of nursery tradition has wrought a literary treasure of childish fancy a world of beauty in rhyme meter and stanza a delightful vista of the winged hours of childhood.

Scientific Miscellany.

A VOICE MAGNIFIER—NIGHT COLORS OF FISHES—MODERN USE OF MEDICAL HERBS—PASSING OF CHOLERA—A POWERFUL SIGNAL LIGHT—THE SOUTHERN LIGHTS—DWARFING BIRDS—INSECT PROTECTION—COMMON SENSE ABOUT OYSTERS—NO EVIDENCE OF OXYGEN IN THE SUN.

A large Dussand microphone, now being constructed for the Paris exhibition of 1900, is expected to make the voice heard by 10,000 people. This form of apparatus is especially designed for the deaf, and for the study of the feeble sounds given out by the organs of the body in health and disease. It magnifies the voice much as a lens magnifies objects to the eye. The register is a modified phonograph, with a diaphragm vibrated by small electro-magnets receiving currents through a microphone; the repeater is somewhat similar, with a microphone attached to the membrane, the current for this being obtained from one to sixty battery cells and thence passing to a telephone. The intensity depends on the amount of current passing. The instrument is being used in the education of deaf-mutes, and has had a marked effect in stimulating the nerves and apparatus of hearing.

Remarkable changes in the color of fishes when asleep have been recorded by Mr. A. E. Verrill. The most common is a general darkening of the dark spots or stripes, as was noted in various flounders, minnows, the black sea bass, the sea robins, the king fish, and other species. This change makes the animal less conspicuous to its enemies. Still more striking is the alteration of the pattern of coloration, as in the common sculp or porgy, which in activity is of a beautiful silvery color with bright iridescence, but asleep is of a dull bronzy tint and crossed by about six dark bands. The sleeping fishes take strange positions. The file fishes often lean up obliquely against the glass of the aquaria with the belly on the bottom; and the tautog commonly sleeps on one side, often partly buried in sand or gravel.

Though the kitchen garden lacks its old-time medicinal herb, the use of these plants is said to be twice as great as a half-century ago. Professional growers furnish the supply, and the wholesale botanic druggist carries in stock 1000 to 1500 different plants, the minerals used being few. Wild herbs from New England are preferred to the same plants from any other region.

Anti-cholera vaccination originated about twelve years ago with Dr. Ferran, a Spanish physician. His vaccine of drops of a cholera culture mixed with bile was used with many misfortunes upon 25,000 persons, but gave sufficient encouragement to lead to Haffkine's experiments, which have proven so successful in India. Haffkine employs attenuated cholera bacilli, followed a few days later by virulent cultures. Equally good results

from the use of dead cholera bacilli—killed by either heat or chloroform—are now claimed by Kollé, who gets the same effects by simply using somewhat larger doses of his less terrifying preventive. Comparative tests have shown that the blood of the vaccinated individuals is 200 times as potent in resisting cholera infection as that of the unvaccinated. As evidence of the effectiveness of modern methods of dealing with cholera, the fact is mentioned that it has had 800,000 victims in Russia since 1892, while in Germany—including the Hamburg epidemic—its deaths have been but 9,000. The disease seems destined soon to become as obsolete as small-pox.

Extraordinary power is claimed for the new signalling light of Colonel Miklashevski, of the Russian Engineers. Its signals have been read at a distance of 34 miles, and it is hoped that the distance may be increased to nearly 60 miles by the use of reflecting mirrors. The light is produced by spirit, which is colored by a red and a green powder of secret composition. The lantern embraces two tubes, ending with pear-shaped balls, which on being pressed emit respectively brilliant red and green flashes, by which the signals are transmitted. The apparatus weighs only seven pounds.

The Aurora Australis is found by Dr. Wilhelm Boller, of Strasburg, from a study of all published observations, to have been most frequently seen in March and October, and least often in June and November. The frequency seems to vary, like that of the Aurora Borealis, in agreement with the eleven-year sun-spot period.

The birth-rate in France has decreased from 33 per 1000 at the beginning of the century to 22; and in 1895 the population showed a decrease of 17,000. The birth-rate is diminishing in the United States as well as in the European countries, having dropped from 30.95 in 1880 to 26.68 in 1890.

English entomologists are becoming alarmed at the rapid disappearance of the insects of the woods and fields. The Leicester Literary and Philosophical Society has drawn up a series of regulations to protect the insects from the greed of collectors, and requires that no specimen of the Wood White butterfly shall be taken, while certain other species a collector may take but a single specimen during a season. A transgressor who is a member of the Society may be expelled, he will be reported to any other society of which he is a member, and the influence of the Society will be used to prevent him from exchanging or dealing in any way with other entomologists. While these regulations may be difficult to enforce, it is hoped that their influence in preserving rare insects from extermination may be considerable.

Microbe-free oysters, even if we could get them, are not to be desired, according to a report by Prof. W. A. Herdman, of University College, Liverpool. Our milk, our bread and cheese, our ham sandwiches, and other kinds of food, are teeming with germs, most of them harmless so far as we know, but some of them may be just as bad as any that can be in shellfish. If we were to insist on breathing filtered air, and eating nothing but sterile food, washed down with antiseptic drinks, we should probably die of starvation, or something worse. While deprecating extreme measures by sanitary reformers, however, Prof. Herdman recommends inspection of shellfish grounds, to ensure their practical freedom from sewage. He would also have oysters kept alive in running water for a short time, as experiments show that the living animal in clean water soon gets rid of any disease germs with which it may be infected.

Following up the researches of two German physicists, who were recently led to conclude that three lines of oxygen in the solar spectrum were not atmospheric, Mr. Lewis Jewell considers that he has proven conclusively that the lines are produced by water vapor in the earth's atmosphere, and that, therefore, the spectroscopic does not indicate oxygen in the sun.

Argon has been found in the blood—carefully drawn from the veins—without contact with the air for an instant—by two French chemists.

A KISS IN THE DARK.

They are on their way to the benefit given by the Art Students' Association and are standing on the corner waiting for a down town car. The Art Students' Association usually gives an annual banquet, but this year "no one seemed to be hungry," as the man that makes the speech said, so they are giving instead an artistic, musical and dramatic entertainment for those who care.

Two cars approach, running tandem, one with seats running lengthwise, the other with seats running crosswise. "Shall we take the front car?" he asks, in no amiable tone of voice, for it had taken her just 1 hour and 20 minutes to dress. "No, the last one. Everybody has such an opportunity to stare when the passengers face each other. Now, if I were so beautiful that none could look but admirer"—A low growl from the depths of his mustache as he hands her up to the rear platform of the car is the only answer. Then he flashes a look at the graceful, white clad figure, the black eyes and mass of raven hair beneath the rose decked hat, but says nothing.

"That wide eyed girl across the aisle reminds me of a story I read the other day of a New York man who was calling on a lady in Boston. She was a sort of a poster woman, with orange hair and orange lips and a crimson bodice. Staying with her was a young girl from somewhere in Missouri—a girl with eyes set mysteriously wide apart—who enchanted him with her singing. A year later he met the wide eyed girl again and asked her to sing to him. She went to the piano and sang a touching little ballad that brought the tears to his eyes. 'See, you have called forth my tears.'"

"I would give the rest of my life to see your tears," she said, and then he knew that the wide eyed girl was blind. "Where did you get that?" he asked quietly.

"Oh, from one of those impossible little magazines, a 'Clack' or a 'Clique,' a 'Chap' or a 'Chip,'" she answered.

As they are about to leave the car the little woman across the aisle arises, takes the wide eyed girl by the hand and carefully leads her out. They look at each other in silence.

They are late, of course. Memorial hall is a flutter of pink and white, a garden of flower trimmed hats in a perfume laden atmosphere.

They are just in time to see Burne-Jones' "Garden Court" in the legend of the Brier Rose, to the music of "She Sleeps." Then as the usher points them to the only two remaining seats—fortunately in the back row—the curtain rises again upon one of Bourgeois's Madonnas, sitting with unblinking eyes and reverent, uplifted hands. It is the wide eyed girl they had seen in the car.

In the interval that follows a girl in ivory white, bareheaded, down the aisle exchanges a few words with a lady in black and darts back again, her glorious hair framing her face in a halo of light. "I believe she did that with a purpose," he growls.

"How could one suppose anything else? She knew, of course, what the effect of the light on her hair would be."

"Do look at that huge woman in the blue silk gown. She reminds me of nothing so much as a lazy, pale blue cow." "Which? Which one?" "Second seat from the end, third row." "As they look and laugh the female bovine turns and casts a look of very human scorn at them. "Aren't you ashamed of yourself?" "Yes, I am. I wouldn't be rude even to a cow," he remarks in an undertone as he hides his blushing face behind her gauze fan.

coat wears a mustache. "Well, what do you think of her?" she asks, observing his scrutiny. "If the lights should all go out suddenly, I think I should kiss her," he says thoughtfully while he gazes at the bronze hair beneath the correct little panama sailor.

"You wouldn't have the ghost of a chance with those two men keeping guard over her. I wonder if they are both in love with her," she says, while she catches a sly glance from the man with the gray coat. He had heard every word.

The director's wife, flushed and triumphant, emerges from a side door and resumes her seat, unfortunately also her hat, and the view of the stage is cut off.

"Does the director paint?" she asks. Then, before he can answer, "Sometimes they don't, you know." "No, I suppose he sometimes doesn't," he says, with a sidelong glance from under his lashes.

"Oh, you know what I mean. I know of one art museum director who never painted a stroke in his life," she says, while the wonderful green and yellow moonbeams fall across the stage on Leighton's "Summer Moon."

Then, there is a little farce, a reprint from life, of domestic infelicity, in which all the actors do what they ought not to do, and there is no sense in it. The curtain man, as usual, drops the curtain in the middle of the act and raises it while the actors are staging themselves.

"Shall we go up and look at the art exhibition?" she asks when it is over. "Oh, I suppose one is expected to," he says, with the air of a modern job.

They join the throng up the winding stair, past the big painting of ever and ever so many chickens wading up a muddy slope to their dinner while the wind blows their tails all to one side, past bronzes and marbles of handsome Apollos, winged Psyches and armless Venuses, while some one inquires seriously: "Why will they be so careless with their statuary? I don't believe I ever saw a Venus that hadn't one or both her arms broken off!"

Now a head in charcoal attracts her attention. She steps back to get a better view of it, comes into painful contact with the patent leather toe of somebody's foot, and, turning to beg pardon, meets the eyes of the young man of the gray coat and black mustache unconsciously. He stoops, picks it up and puts it into his pocket. Then he walks away with an air of tantalizing unconcern. She looks about for her companion and finds him suspiciously near to a correct little panama sailor, above a mass of bronze colored hair. The other young man is at her side. Presently the scarlet lips hazard the question: "But where is the line, Archie? You told me your pictures were to be on the line."

"I have half a mind to write her one," he mutters under his breath as he comes up to where she is attentively examining a pen and ink sketch. "Come, let us get out of this crush," he says, with the air of a man who has suffered a bitter disappointment. "Here is an escape to the stairway," and he leads the way out.

As they take their places in the car some one sits down behind them, and they thump along in silence. Suddenly the lights go out, and the car stops. In the darkness something faintly touches her cheek. The lights are on in a moment, and she casts an indignant glance at her moody companion.

"How dare you, and right here in the car, too!" she says indignantly. "Why, what have I—I don't understand. What has that fellow dared?" They turned just in time to catch a glimpse of a gray coat vanishing through the doorway. They are very silent the rest of the way home.—Mary McCall in Philadelphia Times.

A STORY OF GAIL HAMILTON. A capital story of the power of a bright woman's talk is related by the New York Tribune. The bright woman was Miss Abigail Dodge, better known by her pen name of Gail Hamilton. A Western clergyman, cultivated, well read, but not exactly a man of the world, was in Washington for the first time, eager to make the utmost of his holiday. He wanted to see all there was to be seen, but most of all he desired to meet and have a word with Gail Hamilton; indeed, he confided to a friend that he should consider such a privilege well worth his

Journey to the East. It took him several days to summon up his courage, but at last he presented himself at Mr. Blaine's door and asked for Miss "Hamilton." About three hours later the friend met him descending the steps of the house, one broad smile of delight and satisfaction.

"Ah," exclaimed the confidant, "I congratulate you. So you have met your dear Gail Hamilton. I can see it in your face." "That face fell—grew remorseful. "No-no," he stammered, "I didn't meet her—she didn't come down, and the fact is, I forgot to ask for her."

"Forgot to ask for her!" "Oh, I sent up my card, of course, but a lady came down, a Miss Dodge, and my dear fellow, you never saw such a woman in your life! I suppose Miss Hamilton must have been out; she didn't mention her, but she began to talk to me, and in two minutes I forgot what I had come for. I never could have believed that any person, man or woman, could know so much."

"I believe we talked on every subject in the world, and she knew everything about every one of the subjects. I was never so surprised as when a lot of people came in and I found how long I had been there, and I didn't want to come away then, I can tell you, and till you spoke, I'd forgotten all about Miss Hamilton. I don't believe she can touch Miss Dodge, anyhow!"

His astonishment and delight when he found that he had entertained—or been entertained by—his angel unawares, were very pleasant to see.

In telling the story the narrator added, "I don't know what it is about Miss Dodge, I can never tell how she does it. I heard her tell the funniest story I ever heard in my life, about a driver she took in the country, when her horse had on a harness that practically fell to pieces. The room was full of people and every one laughed himself sore over it, and yet when I came to think it over, there was really nothing to it, nothing to tell—it was a thing that might have happened to any one, and not have borne talking about. Yet she entertained twenty-one people for one hour and a half with it."

THE SENATOR'S COW.

When in a certain legislative proceeding, it was proposed to make an appropriation in a series of expenditures that never came to an end, the Hon. Philatus Sawyer, then a United States Senator from Wisconsin, said that the case reminded him of a cow that he once had on his farm. He told the story thus:

"Once, when we were living on the farm a man came along and wanted to buy a certain cow. I offered him another, but nothing would do but the one he had pointed out. Then I told him that that cow was one I had given to my wife, and that I could not sell it without her consent.

"Well," said the man, "wouldn't she sell the cow?"

"I went into the house and asked my wife if I should sell the cow."

"Oh, yes," she said, "but I want the money."

"I sold the cow for twenty dollars, gave my wife two dollars, and said:

"Call on me when you want more."

"Then after that, when my wife wanted a dress, a bonnet, or money to get a wedding present, she would ask me for some of that cow money. I had paid her several thousand dollars of it, and wondered when the credit would be exhausted, when we built a house. Then it had to be furnished. We figured up what the cost would be of the things we wanted, and found that it amounted to several thousand dollars. I said:

"Wife, I'll pay you the balance of that cow money, and you can pay for furnishing the house with it."

"It was a bargain, and at last the cow deal was over. That animal cost me not far from twenty thousand dollars; but it was all right."

WILLIE'S GUESS.

"Papa," inquired the editor's boy, "what do you call your office?" "Well," was the reply, "the world calls an editorial office the sanctum sanctorum."

A TERRIFIC snow storm raged two days last week in Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Kansas and Nebraska. In Wyoming the drifts were twenty feet high.

The bill before the Legislature, presented by Representative Spatz, which aims to impose a tax of one dollar on every bicycle used in the State, is meeting with resistance on the part of the bicyclers. They don't ask to be relieved from paying the tax, for they realize that good roads cannot be made without an increase of revenue, but they insist that all vehicles should be made to bear an equal share. It is expected that the bill with an amendment to this effect will be reported from the committee early next week.

One of the hopeful signs of the times is the large increase in the circulation of money in the United States, as shown by the official statement from the Treasury Department issued on the first instant. At that date there were \$140,371,231 more money in circulation in the country than the circulation of April 1, 1896. The increased circulation of gold coin is nearly \$100,000,000, and its increase was over \$800,000 during the month of March, while the increase in silver certificates was \$4,700,000, and the increase of national bank notes was \$3,189,000. The increase of over \$140,000,000 of money in circulation during the last year, most of which increase has occurred during the last few months, is a clear indication of the steady diffusion of money into industrial, commercial and trade circles, and that means a slow but steady advance toward general prosperity.

The flood conditions in the Mississippi valley are the most disastrous and distressing that ever distressed that section of the country. From Marion, Ark., north of Memphis, to Greenville, Miss., there are at least fifty towns and villages under water and a territory extending from 100 miles north of Memphis to 200 miles south and five to forty miles wide is submerged and devastated by the flood. Hundreds of thousands of acres of cultivated soil with growing crops are included in this submerged territory, and there are from 50,000 to 60,000 people whose property has been destroyed, and whose business has been suspended thereby. The amount of damage to property is incalculable. In addition to the growing crops which have been destroyed, thousands of head of working stock and of cattle have been drowned and starved. The great majority of the sufferers are small farmers, mostly negroes, who with the present crop destroyed and their working stock and farming tools swept away, are left utterly destitute and unprepared to begin work again, even after the floods have subsided.

An anonymous correspondent to the Norristown Herald recommends a prominent member of the bar as a successor to Judge Swartz and bases the general recommendation of his candidate upon the following specific observations: His Republicanism is unquestioned. There is no harder party worker. If the workers are to be rewarded, now is the time. Why should he not be the nominee? The reader will notice that the correspondent exemplifies simonpure practical politics strictly within party lines, and he seems to have yet to learn that parties are, or should be, subject to the people instead of the people being subject to political parties. "There is no harder party worker" observes the correspondent. Accepting the claim as correct, what of it? Are the people of Montgomery county to be expected to set aside or turn down a painstaking, capable Law Judge for no other reason than that a Republican party worker aspires to wear the judicial ermine in lieu of political services rendered? What bosh!

If Judge Swartz has discharged the duties of his responsible and exacting office with ability and fidelity, as is generally admitted, then indeed he should be continued just where he is. The office of Judge should be the last public office in the gift of the people to be made to serve as a foot-ball for partisan politicians - or party workers.

The Herald's correspondent should enlarge his mental horizon by devoting less attention for a season to mercenary politics and more thought to a few of the fundamental principles of good government. The first contract for structural steel ever secured by an American firm from the Japanese government, or the Japanese nation, has just been awarded to the Pencoyd iron works, this county. The order calls

for 2000 tons of structural bridge steel; cash value, \$75. The iron workers of America are competing with the iron workers of England, with raw material admitted without the imposition of a protective (?) tariff tax - and the lower end of Montgomery county is right up front!

The results of recent elections are decidedly significant: Carter Harrison, Democratic candidate, has been elected as Mayor of Chicago, having received more votes than all the other candidates. The leaders of the Republican party in Ohio, including President McKinley, Senator Foraker, Senator Hanna and Governor Bushnell, have been defeated in their own homes, every one of which gave majorities for McKinley last November. In Cincinnati, Foraker's home, the revolution is emphatic. A Democratic mayor is elected by 7,500 in the face of more than double that majority for McKinley last November.

What does this mean? It means that the thousands who voted for McKinley to save the country from an era of depreciated money and inflated prices, are not in favor of a monopolistic tariff, such as is in a large measure outlined in the Dingley bill. That's what it means, if it means anything.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY recently made the following among other appointments:

Andrew D. White, of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Germany.

William Draper, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Italy.

Chandler Hale, of Maine, to be Secretary of the Embassy of the United States at Rome, Italy.

Samuel L. Gracey, of Massachusetts, to be Consul of the United States at Foo Chow, China.

Anson Burlingame Johnson, Colorado, to be Consul of the United States at Amoy, China.

Benjamin Butterworth, of Ohio, to be Commissioner of Patents.

Appraiser of the Philadelphia district, Linn Hartranft, son of the late ex-Governor Hartranft, of Pennsylvania.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2, 1897.—The House has finished its work on the tariff bill and sent the measure over to the Senate, where it will necessarily be dealt with in a manner differing widely from its treatment in a body having a republican majority and a cloture rule. There was less excitement during the closing hours and final vote upon the bill in the House than was expected, although the proceedings were far from resembling a Quaker meeting. That many who voted for the amendment, which was adopted, making the duties imposed by the new tariff bill collectible upon all foreign goods ordered April 1, believed the amendment to be unconstitutional, is certain; but some of them say they were in doubt about it and felt justified in giving our own manufacturers the benefit of the doubt, believing that it will result in almost entirely stopping the importation of goods upon which duties have been materially raised until it becomes known what those duties will be when the bill passes the Senate. There was a decision by the Supreme Court in connection with the present tariff law affecting this very point, but it seems capable of being construed both ways. At any rate, it is being construed both ways. It is probable, however, that the amendment will have the desired effect, as importers are likely to be afraid to take the risk of making large purchases when uncertain what duty they will have to pay on them.

President McKinley's appointment of Mr. Frank W. Palmer to be Public Printer shows that it is more a question of "pull" than rules when it comes to making appointments. Mr. Palmer held this position under the Harrison administration, and it was only the other day that Mr. McKinley told an "ex" who was after his old office that he had adopted a rule not to appoint men who held office under the Harrison administration, unless there was extraordinary reasons for doing so. The "extraordinary reasons" in Mr. Palmer's case were the influential men who asked for his appointment, and every "ex" who can bring forward the same sort of reasons is likely to be taken care of, notwithstanding the President's rule. Senator Allen didn't wait until the tariff bill got before the Senate to make a tariff speech. He made one this week of about an hour, on his resolution declaring it to be unconstitutional to impose tariff taxes on the necessities of daily consumption in order to enrich certain

favoured classes at the expense of the masses. Mr. Allen's speech was legal rather than political, as may be seen from the following extract therefrom: "I place myself on the solid and impregnable ground that under our Constitution Congress does not possess power to tax the people to enhance the private fortunes of the few, and that the full measure of the taxing power is reached when a tariff for revenue, with incidental protection, is imposed. Any other construction would lead to confiscation and incidentally to enforced repudiation, the two worst forms of anarchy and disorder in a civilized state; and such a deduction, when carried to its legitimate length, would lead to the subversion of all order and the rights of persons and property. We cannot serve the people and the money power at the same time. Their interests are deadly antagonistic. What is for the common welfare is against the trusts and pools."

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BRANDT Standard Bicycles Are High Grade In material, workmanship, finish and equipment, and are fully guaranteed by us to be free from imperfections. We are NOT IN THE TRUST. HENCE OUR PRICE IS ONLY \$60.00. They are just as good as though we asked and you paid a \$100.00 for them. SEEING IS BELIEVING. COME AND SEE. AGENTS WANTED. J. H. Brandt & Bro., Largest Cycle House in Montgomery County, MAIN STREET BELOW DEKALB, NORRISTOWN, PA.

AT FENTON'S FOR SPRING OF 1897. Prime Clover and Timothy Seed. Also White Clover Seed for the Lawn. All the varieties of Garden and Flower Seeds, Onion Sets, Choice Early Rose Potatoes 45c. bushel, White Star and other variety of Potatoes, 35 and 40c. FRESH LUMP LIME For Whitewashing. Shovels, Spades, Rakes and Hoes. The very best quality of Ready-Mixed Paint at \$1.25 gal. All colors in stock. Ask for a color card.

HOME AND ABROAD.

To a viewer mounted
On the cross-bar
Of the tallest telephone pole in town.

There are some signs
To warrant the conclusion
That Easter lilies
And Easter bonnets
Will get here.

Since the ladies must have
Easter bonnets, what's the matter
With the other sex getting special
Easter hats?

Mrs. Weber, wife of Dr. M. Y.
Weber, Evansburg, has been criticized
for several days.

The April-fooler was considerably
in evidence last Thursday.

The aged wife of Henry M.
Kulp, of Kulpville, had a narrow
escape from burning to death, beginning
of last week. Her dress caught
fire in some unknown way and she
was seriously burned.

Jno. K. Schwenk, storekeeper
at Providence Square, makes a
special announcement in this issue.

Mrs. A. D. Hunsicker, of Iron-
bridge, who has been under medical
treatment for quite a while, returned
home on Saturday considerably im-
proved.

Wheat never looked better at
this season of the year than it does
at present. It stood the blasts of
winter finely, and now promises to
be a big crop.

The wife and mother-in-law of
Prof. J. M. Latshaw, of Trappe, are
both seriously ill.

The blue flame coal oil stove
for cooking purposes can be seen in
daily operation at A. K. Hunsicker's.

A woman doesn't enjoy any-
thing much better than to read a
letter in the presence of another
woman and smile occasionally.

Samuel Sulzer, of Hedgesville,
Berks county, while driving a
lumber team down a hill, ran over
the brake handle, fell under the
wagon and was killed.

The Roberts Machine Company,
recently incorporated, makes a
reasonable announcement on the
fourth page.

H. L. Saylor's new building at
the marble yard is under way. Con-
tractor Daniel Shuler is doing the
carpenter work.

Strong efforts will be made by
citizens to have the First Brigade,
N. G. P., encamp at Sanatoga, a
short distance below Potstown, this
summer.

The Spring City hosiery and
paper box manufacturers are ship-
ping large quantities of goods to the
South and West, with an improve-
ment in trade.

Royersford's hosiery mills are
running night and day, employing a
large number of hands. A large
consignment of their goods are
shipped to the West.

Skippack hill claimed its first
bicycling victim on Sunday, in a
Philadelphia, who coasted it, lost
control of his wheel, struck a water
turret and was thrown and had a
wrist broken.

Jonathan Davis has started
work on his new wheelwright shop
in the lower ward. Daniel Buck-
walter has the carpenter work in
charge.

Philadelphia Markets.
Winter bran, \$14.00 @ 14.50; flour
\$2.50 to \$4.00; rye flour, \$2.50;
wheat, 21 to 23c; corn, 22c;
oats, 24c; butter, 20 to 22c; poultry,
live, 9 1/2 @ 10c, dressed, 9 1/2 @ 10c;
timothy hay, 75 @ 80c, mixed, 70 @
75c; straw, 75 @ 80c; beef cattle,
4 1/2 @ 5c; sheep, 3 1/2 @ 4c; lambs, 3 1/2
@ 4c; hogs, western, 6 @ 6 1/2c.

Isaac L. Shoemaker, president of
the Montgomery Mutual Fire Insur-
ance Company, died Tuesday morn-
ing at his home, 820 DeKalb street,
Norristown, aged 82 years.

Miss Frances Longaker, aged 74
years, died Monday at Lansdale.
She was a sister of Davis Long-
aker, who died three weeks ago, and
they were inseparable companions
from infancy. She always lived
with him and his family and ever
since his death she showed indica-
tions of deep grief, and death seems
to have claimed her as a victim of
pure sisterly devotion.

Mrs. Kate Detwiler died of pneu-
monia Friday morning at the resi-
dence of her son, Isaiah Detwiler,
near Ironbridge. She was born
January 5, 1804, at the Heebner
homestead in Norriton township,
being the daughter of the late
Abraham and Catharine Ritten-
house Heebner. At the age of 20
she married Christian Detwiler, who
died thirty-five years ago. Of this
union there are seven surviving
children—Enos Detwiler, of Iron-
bridge; Isaiah Detwiler, of Lower
Providence; Samuel Detwiler, of Lower
Providence; Mrs. David Custer, of
Fairview Village; Mrs. Abraham
Hunsicker, of Ironbridge; Mrs.
John G. Gutwiler, of Yorkes; Mrs.
Peter Good, Ontario, Canada. The
surviving grand-children number
about thirty-six. The funeral will
be held to-day (Thursday) at 10
o'clock, interment at Lower Mennonite
burying ground, Skippack;
undertaker J. L. Bechtel, of this
borough, in charge.

Quarterly Meeting.

A quarterly meeting of the Mingo
Express Horse Company was held
at the Limerick Square hotel last
Saturday afternoon. Routine busi-
ness was transacted.

Y. W. C. T. U.

The Y. W. C. T. U., of Yorkes,
will hold a meeting at the residence
of Mr. D. S. Raudenbush on Satur-
day evening, April 10, 1897. All
are welcome.

Graduated.

We note with pleasure the infor-
mation that our young friend Frank
E. Johnson, of this borough, gradu-
ated from the Williamson Trade
School, Delaware county. He was
one of the speakers on commence-
ment day, and his address was well
received.

A Lady Dentist.

Miss H. Belle Whitcomb, of
Centre Square, graduated Thurs-
day evening at the Pennsylvania
Dental College, with the degree of
D. D. S. Miss Whitcomb is the
first woman born in Montgomery
county who has graduated in a den-
tal course.

A Broken Arm.

Arthur, the six-year-old son of
P. W. Thomas, near Trappe, while
seaweeding Wednesday evening of
last week, sustained a fracture of
his left arm between the wrist and
elbow. Dr. E. A. Krusen placed the
arm in splints and Arthur's arm
is on the way to recovery.

To Be Uniformed.

In compliance with an edict issued
from headquarters the passenger
crews and station agents of the
Perkiomen Railroad have been
measured for uniforms, to be sup-
plied at a fixed price by the Com-
pany. At present the station agents
are wearing citizens' attire.

Baptized in the River.

The Mennonite Brethren in Christ
of Spring City and Royersford held
a baptism Sunday afternoon in the
Schuylkill river, Rev. J. Gelman, of
the Mennonite church, officiating.
Over two thousand spectators wit-
nessed the immersion from the inter-
county bridge and both banks of
the river.

Annual Meeting.

As announced by notice elsewhere
in this issue, the annual meeting of
the Perkiomen Valley Mutual Fire
Insurance Company, for the election
of thirteen managers, will be held
at Shepard's Park Hotel, Bridge
hotel on Monday, May 3, between
10 and 3 p. m. The present board
of managers will meet at 10 o'clock
a. m.

Flag Raising.

A flag was raised by the P. O. S.
of A., No. 387, at the Schwenksville
school house, last Saturday after-
noon. The presentation of the flag
was made by Editor Barzman,
and it was accepted by John G.
Prier, of the School Board. An
address was delivered by Rev. N.
F. Schmidt. Patriotic songs and
recitations were rendered by pupils
of the school and the audience.

Horse Thief Jailed.

Wilson G. Hunsberger, of Freder-
ick, was arraigned before Esquire
J. M. Zimmerman, this borough,
last Thursday, upon the charge of
having stolen a horse from Daniel
Moore, of the township aforesaid,
last August. Hunsberger pleaded
guilty and was taken to jail by
officer Bideman, of Royersford, who
apprehended the thief in Borden-
town, N. J., lured him over the line
into Pennsylvania and then arrested
him. The horse was recovered in
Philadelphia, a few days after hav-
ing been stolen, through the efforts
of the Mingo Express Horse Com-
pany.

RELIGIOUS.

Services in St. Paul's Memorial
Protestant Episcopal Church at
Oaks station, on Sundays at 10.45
a. m. and 3.30 p. m. Sunday school
at 2.30 p. m. The seats are free
and a cordial welcome is always ex-
tended 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.

Evansburg M. E. church, Rev. J. S.
Tomlinson, pastor. 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.

Ironbridge: Preaching next Sab-
bath evening at 7.30; Sabbath
School at 2.45 p. m.; Christian Evi-
ng at 6.45 p. m. All invited.

Augustus Lutheran Church,
Trappe, Rev. I. B. Kurtz, pastor;
Confirmation services next Sunday
morning at 10 o'clock. Meeting of
Pastor's Aid Society Saturday
afternoon at 2.30. Services Wednes-
day evening of Passion week at
7.30. The Sunday School will cele-
brate its Easter Festival on Easter
Sunday evening at 7.30. All wel-
come.

St. Luke's Reformed Church,
Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger,
pastor. Sunday School at 8.45 a. m.
Preaching every Sunday at 10
a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E.
prayer-meeting 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
3.30 p. m., on Saturday. All
cordially invited to attend the ser-
vices.

Trinity Church: Wednesday eve-
ning, prayer service, 7.30 o'clock.
Sunday: Sunday School, 8.45 o'clock
a. m., preaching, at 10 a. m. and
8 o'clock p. m.; the Junior C. E.
prayer service, at 2 p. m., and the
Y. P. S. C. E. prayer service, at 7
p. m., Prof. A. J. Harbaugh, leader.
Special services by the Sunday
School on Easter Sunday, at 10 a.
m., consisting of Easter music, recita-
tions, etc.

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward
for any case of Catarrh that cannot be
cured by taking Hall's Catarrh Cure.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.
We, the undersigned, have known F. J.
Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him
perfectly honorable in all business trans-
actions and financially able to carry out any
obligation made by him.
West & Trux, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo,
O.
Walding, Kinnam & Marvin, Wholesale
Druggists, Toledo, O.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally,
getting directly upon the blood and mucous
surfaces of the system.
Sold by Druggists, 75 cents.
Sold by J. W. Culbert, Druggist, College-
ville, Pa., 75 cents.

Spelling Bee.

An old fashioned spelling bee will
be held in Port Providence school
house on Friday evening, April 9.
The person missing the least num-
ber of words will receive a fountain
pen. Proceeds for the benefit of a
school library. Admission, 5 cents.

MATRIMONY.

On March 31, 1897, by Rev. J. T.
Meyers, Mr. George W. Channell, of
Phoenixville, Pa., to Miss Florence
Grace Keplinger, of Montgomery
county, Pa.

Fine Architectural Work.

Architect J. V. Poley, of Royers-
ford, is preparing plans and speci-
fications for a neat and attractive
cottage for Mr. David Runkle,
Superintendent of the P. & R.
shops at Schuylkill Haven, Pa. The
building will be of frame, finished
inside with hard wood, will contain
modern conveniences, will be heated
with an improved system of hot
water heating and lighted through-
out with gas.

The Vacant Lot Plan.

Practical steps toward putting
the Pingree vacant lot plan in
operation in Potstown have been
taken, and several hundred lots
have been offered free for cultiva-
tion to the needy. A committee
has been appointed to meet the
unemployed, and it is probable that
seeds and fertilizers will be furnished
and a practical man employed to
cultivate the lots.

Methacton Literary Society.

The next regular meeting of the
Methacton Literary Society will be
held in Cherry Tree school house,
Lower Providence, on Saturday
evening, April 10, 1897, when the
following program will be rendered:
Duet, Emma Warren and Stella
Smith; Recitations, John McLaughlin,
Flora Morgan, Wilmer Kahl, Read-
ings, Lydia Strupp, Harry Clarke,
Jonas Keiff, Myra Johnson, Joseph
Moore, Mary Saylor; Bass Solo,
Henry E. Warren; Music, Mary
Campbell, Harry Kratz, Elizabeth
Place; Dialogue, Committee; Ad-
dress, Mr. Kramer.

Athletic Association Entertainment.

A delightful entertainment was
given in Bomberger Hall, Saturday
evening, under the auspices of the
Athletic Association of Ursinus
College. The program consisted of
gymnasium work, under the direc-
tion of Mr. Parker, and a comedy
entitled Mr. Bob by the King
dramatic club, the performers being
Misses Eva Bowman, Sara Hen-
dricks, Vinnie Mensch, Grace Gris-
tock, and Messrs. C. E. L. Gresh,
C. B. Heiny and J. S. Heiges. The
characters of the comedy were all
well sustained, and the amateur
actors scored a good hit.

New Organization Formed.

A well organized meeting of the
representative members of the Jr.
O. U. A. M., of Montgomery county,
was held Saturday evening in the
hall of John F. Hartranft Council,
No. 381, Norristown. A new or-
ganization was effected, to be
known as the "Organizing Associ-
ation of the Jr. O. U. A. M., of
Montgomery County." A board of
directors were elected to serve dur-
ing the ensuing year. One of the
directors thus elected is E. M.
Cleave, of No. 268, Evansburg.
The next meeting of the organiza-
tion will be held at Cold Point on
July 3, when every council in the
county is expected to be represented.

FROM LOWER PROVIDENCE.

The aged mother of John S.
Casselberry continues seriously ill.

The Trolley Company is making
preparations to place a fence along
the tracks through the property of
the Presbyterian church.

Whooping cough prevails among
the children of the neighborhood.

David Ouster is on the sick list
and H. B. Schmuck is suffering
from an affection of his eyes.

FROM LIMERICK.

Mrs. B. F. Rambo is ill at her
residence near Linfield.

Miss Elizabeth M. Johnson re-
turned from a four weeks' trip to
Philadelphia.

A son of Mr. Abram Grater is
confined to the house with inflam-
matory rheumatism.

The real estate of John H. Penny-
packer has been seized by the sher-
iff on two executions issued by A.
Kriebel and by the Royersford
National Bank. The property seized
consists of a farm, four houses, two
building lots, several ice houses and
a sand quarry.

The schools of Limerick closed
this week. Fernwood school will
close two weeks hence.

PERSONAL.

Professor Hoffecker examined the
graduates of this township last
week.

At a congregational meeting of
the East Vincent Reformed church,
on last Sunday, H. H. Hartman, a
theological student of Ursinus Col-
lege, was unanimously elected
pastor.

Robert J. Burdette will deliver
his humorous lecture, "The Rise
and Fall of the Moustache," on
April 16, in Memorial Hall, Spring
City. This lecture is the last in
the course at this place.

Mr. H. W. Johnson and family,
of Parkerford, Misses Stella and
Grace Usner, Eva and Rosa Pontius
of Royersford, spent Sunday after-
noon in Limerick.

Mrs. Annie Hale was baptized in
the Schuylkill river, Royersford, on
Sunday last, by the pastor of the
Mennonite church.

Mr. Addison Buckwalter and
family of Norristown, who have been
spending several weeks in Florida,
returned last Saturday.

MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL.

A TROLLEY MOTION AMENDED BY A
VOICE OF SIX TO ONE. THE MOTION,
AS AMENDED, PASSED BY THE SAME
VOICE. TROLLEY EXTENSION IN THE
DISTANCE; IT MAY COME, AND IT
MAY NOT; A CITIZEN PROPOSES THAT
TOWN COUNCIL SHALL ASK THE COM-
PANY TO BUILD A TOWN HALL, A
\$5,000 PUBLIC SCHOOL HOUSE, A
PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND A LOCK-UP.

A regular meeting of Town Coun-
cil was held at the usual place, Fri-
day evening, President Vanderville
in the chair.

Minutes of previous meetings
were read and adopted.

The street and road Committee
was authorized to draft an ordinance
in the matter of opening second
avenue, north from Main street.

The report of the Auditors was
received and ordered to be placed on
file. The statement, as audited,
will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Chairman Fetterolf, of the
Finance Committee, presented a re-
port recommending that the bor-
ough tax rate for the ensuing year
be placed at 3 mills. The report
was received, the recommendation
approved, and the three mill rate
adopted.

Chairman Vanderville, of the
committee to make enquiries in the
relation to the cost of curb and flag-
stones read a number of letters he
had received, containing prices.

Upon motion of M. O. Roberts
Council declined to adopt Wyoming
blue stone cutting for Main street
and the same stone in the form of
flagging, six feet wide, for side-
walks along same street.

Engineer John H. Dager, the bor-
ough surveyor, was present and ex-
plained the very neatly executed
draft he had made of the street
lines and grades.

A number of bills were ordered
to be paid.

That a Committee of three be appointed
to draft, within ten days, an ordinance
granting to do its own grading to a
depth of ten inches in preparation for
its tracks; to annually pay one-fifth of the cost of main-
tenance of the tracks; to pay one-fifth of the cost of re-macadamizing) said street; and, after five years, the Company to pay into the borough treasury an amount of
ten dollars. Furthermore: That the
borough solicitor be requested to act
with the Company in the preparation of
the ordinance, that M. O. Roberts be named
as one of the Committee, and that ordi-
nance be presented for consideration at
a special meeting of Council to be held
immediately upon the completion of the
work of the Committee.

Upon motion of M. O. Roberts
the foregoing was amended by omit-
ting "one-fifth of cost of maintain-
ing, etc." and by making the annual
sum to be paid after five years \$250,
instead of \$50. The amendment was
carried by a vote of 6 to 1: Ayes
—Vanderville, Tyson, Roberts,
Paist, Albebach, Fetterolf, Nay—
Moser. The latter gave as his
reason for voting against the amend-
ment the fact that at a previous
meeting Council had tacitly agreed
to accept from the Company even
less consideration than that em-
bodied in the motion. The motion
as amended was carried by the same
vote as that recorded in favor of
the amendment.

The President appointed E. S.
Moser, M. O. Roberts, and J. L.
Paist to draft an ordinance in keep-
ing with the amended motion.

Just when, if ever, Council and
the traction Company will be able
to enter into a mutual agreement
that will admit of an extension of
the Company's line through the bor-
ough of Collegeville, is a question
that will not admit of a solution of-
hand. If increased trolley facilities
would constitute a public nuisance,
an extension of the road should not
be made at any price. If, on the
other hand, increased trolley
facilities, would be calculated to
materially enhance property values,
to add to the general progressiveness
of the borough, and to furnish
our citizens convenient and rapid
transit, (and pray, who will dispute
these considerations?) then surely
the question at issue is a question
of business, and it should be
determined as such.

An up-to-date citizen, ironically in-
clined, suggests that Council shall
ask the Trolley Company to build a
toy hall, a \$5,000 public school
house, a public library, and a lock-
up! This citizen, if earnest, is
hardly in favor of increased trolley
facilities.

The Phenological Journal gives
the following useful hints on the
applications of water in severe at-
tacks of illness. The adult members
of a family should keep them in
mind for an emergency.

A strip of flannel or a soft nap-
kin, folded lengthwise and dipped
in hot water and wrung out, and
then applied around the neck of a
child that has the croup, will usually
bring relief in a few minutes.

A proper towel folded several
times, and dipped in hot water,
quickly wrung and applied over the
site of toothache or neuralgia, will
generally afford prompt relief.

This treatment for colic has been
found to work like magic.

Nothing so promptly cuts short a
congestion of the lungs, sore throat,
or rheumatism as hot water, when
applied early in the case and
thoroughly.

Hot water taken freely half an
hour before bedtime is an excellent
remedy in the case of constipa-
tion, while it has a soothing effect
upon the stomach and bowels.

This treatment, continued a few
months, with the addition of a cup
of hot water slowly sipped half an
hour before each meal, with proper
attention to diet, will cure most
cases of dyspepsia.

Ordinary headaches almost always
yield to the simultaneous applica-
tion of hot water to the feet and
back of the neck.

That tired feeling is due to impoverished
blood. Enrich the blood with Hood's Sarsa-
parilla and be strong and vigorous.

FROM OAKS.

The canal boat Echo, Captain
Pat Murphy, was the first empty
boat to pass up the canal. The
ferry flat and cable have been put
in place to transport the motive
power for the canal boats across the
river at the head of Pawlings Dam.

Jacob Brower and Mrs. Albanus
Rowland spent part of Saturday in
search of arbutus, but like the season
it is slow in blooming.

Did it ever occur to you that
there are few if any of our cele-
brated women who have become so
well accomplished that they do not
believe the teachings of the
Bible, or in other words are infidels?
It is one of the greatest blessings
that it is so. On the other hand,
we have so many men who have be-
come so wise that many things our
mothers learned us when we
were boys from the good Book are
not true. For ourselves we can say
our arguments but strengthen our
faith in Him, who could create the
Heaven and the Earth. [Our cor-
respondent has evidently been read-
ing Dr. Lyman Abbott.—Ed.]

The rain on Sunday night and
Monday will benefit the garden
"sass."

There was no session on Monday
in the Primary school at Green
Tree, as the teacher, Miss Alice
Casselberry, was sick and unable to
attend.

Disturb the surface of the soil in
the first garden of Liberty's tree
and heroes spring up like grass and
the flowers of the fields. It is liv-
ing Greece again.

Two new members joined the Up-
per Providence Club on Saturday
evening. The club room is to be
painted and papered. I. O. Williams,
Esq., presented the Club with sev-
eral volumes of the Cosmopolitan
Magazine, and also several other
volumes, reports of the Paris Ex-
position, 1889.

The new house which John B.
Dettra is building for Mr. Gresh,
known as the Gresh Summer Resort,
will be very commodious and one
which will combine comfort as well
as ornament. The new building
will be 18 by 32-18 feet to the
square. A kitchen and porch will
be attached. A romantic stairway
and many other modern improve-
ments will be made.

While the driver of S. Jerzy's de-
livery wagon was delivering goods
and taking orders at one of the
houses down along the river the
horse, becoming restless, walked off
down to the Club house. The
driver coming out and not finding
his team, was considerably sur-
prised, not knowing but what some
one had been playing an April fool
trick on him.

Telephone poles or poles for the
new telephone between Phoenixville
and Norristown have been distrib-
uted along the main road leading to
Phoenixville, and we will have tele-
graph poles on each side of the road;
now bring on your trolley and run
to Phoenixville by way of Port
Providence, so when we desire to
attend any meetings at Port we will
not be forced to walk home or stay
all night. The 9.59 p. m. train on
the Pennsy does not stop at Port,
which it should do if railroad com-
panies don't hold the conveniences
of the public in the same estimation
as the late Mr. Vanderbilt did at
one time.

The Enamel Brick Works will re-
sume work and already have steam
up in the dry rooms, and the sound
of the whistles will awaken the
echoes of the valley which has been
enjoying a Rip Van Winkle sleep
for some time. Those men who
have been in the employ of the
company heretofore will have the
preference in taking on men.

Rev. Jay Francis preached at
Green Tree on Sunday. Topic:
"Turning back." Prayer meetings
were announced for Port Provi-
dence on Wednesday night and
Green Tree on Thursday evening.

The announcement was also made
that the summer session of the
Green Tree Sunday School would
begin in two weeks, which would be
Sunday, April 18. This announce-
ment coming from the Superintend-
ent of the Sunday School will be
hailed with delight and gladdens
the youngsters' hearts.

Did you see the large circle
around the sun, Friday last? Our
attention was called to it at the
noonday hour, and as the day be-
fore was the first of April we
thought perhaps some one was try-
ing the April fool game on us, so
we only went one eye on it.

The wind blows cold. The warm
sun through the day and the cold
nights retards and may cause injury
to the small fruits. Grass tries to
grow and wheat fields look green.
The ground is dry, roads dusty and
corn stubble which has been plowed
and sown to oats look like waste
places in a barren landscape.

Low Griffin finished sowing oats
on Saturday last.

Senator Saylor for Minister to
Peru, and the Hon. B. Witman
Dambly for State Senator; how
will that do? His experience as a
legislator and the following he had
at the convention last fall is in his
favor. We say Dambly.

Robert Bingham of Betzwood
attended Shull's moving on Thurs-
day.

Main Shearer, proprietor of the
Wetherill Mansion Summer Res-
ort, was a visitor at Perkiomen on
Thursday.

The Misses Shearers, Alice and
Emmie, visited Aaron Overdorf at
Perkiomen Junction on Friday last.

Putting a heavy tax on woolen
clothing and letting dragons' blood
come in free is not exactly an ar-
rangement calculated to make the
dingley dingley popular with the
masses.—Providence Journal.

Paying Him Back in His Own
Coin.
Moneybags—"You want me to
engage in a speculation whereby I
can make half a million. Explain
the scheme."

Cholly Cheekly—"Your daughter
is to receive a million from you if
she marries with your consent?"
Moneybags—"Yes, but what has
that to do with it?"

Cholly Cheekly—"Everything.
You consent for her to marry me.
She gives me the million and I give
you half. See?—"

Death in an Ingrowing Nail.

READING, April 2.—An ingrowing
nail that necessitated amputa-
tion and resulted in gangrene
soon, necessarily, caused the death
of Beneville S. Ludwig, of No. 343
South Fourth street. About three
months since his foot again began
to annoy him, as it had a year ago,
and the toe was amputated at the
first joint. Four weeks ago the
foot became inflamed and gangrene
set in. His leg is swollen to twice
its natural size, and the disease ap-
parently cannot be checked. He
is 68 years of age. Dr. Haman, the
attending physician, has given up
all hopes for his recovery.

The Dog Couldn't Lie.

The Judge who said he would
rather take a dog's word than a
man's, because the former doesn't
know enough to lie, was a philoso-
pher as well as a Judge. One of
his school turned up in New York
City last week. A man and a
woman were brought before a magis-
trate, each claiming the ownership
of a black and tan dog. The dis-
puter of the law said the word of
the one was as good as that of the
other, and that the dog would have
to decide between them. The claim-
ants took their stands at opposite
ends of the room, while a policeman
held the animal in dispute at the
door. The Judge gave the signal,
both claimants used their most
endeavoring dog talk, but the little
animal refused to be man and over-
whelmed him with dog carresses.
Then the wise judge told him to
take the dog, and he took him.

Mrs. Christopher Betarie has
sustained the reputation of her sex
for marksmanship. She aimed a
revolver at a dog and shot her hus-
band.—Chicago Journal.

Dr. Swallow, the editor of the
Methodist journal, has been con-
victed of being a Pennsylvania
politician. This seems almost in-
credible.—Richmond Times.

The New Jersey man who died at
the age of

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FRESH EGGS AND BUTTER FLAVOR. Many butter makers consider fresh cows an absolute necessity to the making of butter with the right flavor. A recent series of experiments at the Iowa station seems to prove that the period of lactation has no effect upon the butter flavor. In the test made, the cows of the college herd that had been in milk for more than six months were regarded as strippers, while those that had come in fresh within that time were in the "fresh" class. The average number of days since calving in the first class was 239 days, and in the latter 107 days. The feeding and management of the cows as well as of the milk was similar, and the butter, made separately from the fresh and stripper milk, when scored by W. S. Moore, official scorer for the Elgin Board of Trade, scored alike 95 points for each lot. The conclusion from the experiments is that the period of lactation has no effect upon the flavor of butter made by the separator system. Under the gravity system there may be some difference, as many dairymen claim, and the possible explanation is offered that as the fat globules become smaller as lactation advances, more time is required for the cream to rise by the gravity method in the case of strippers than with fresh cows, where the fat globules are larger.

It has been found that when cream of milk is kept at a low temperature for some time a somewhat bitter flavor is often developed, and the organism which produces this bitter flavor may be the reason why the butter made from the milk of strippers is generally considered inferior to that made from the milk of fresh cows. The time necessary for creaming by the gravity process is an essential element in the development of the butter flavor, and when the separator is used the milk does not have the time to become bitter.

FRUIT GARDENS. While it is a mistake generally to plant fruit trees in soil intended for growing garden vegetables, it is good policy to have the various kinds of fruits and especially the small fruits in gardens by themselves. The soil will not need to be rich for most of these except in

potash. Berries alone require the very richest soil, and for this reason they should be in a part of the garden by themselves. But plum, pear and cherry trees will all thrive on fairly rich soil if plenty of potash is provided. The quince tree will need winter protection by snow, and will do best next to the fences, where the snow banks will be longest. But one of the advantages of massing the trees in a garden is that it prevents the drifting of snow, as most trees in the garden will be of dwarf habit and kept low in growth.

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