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WHAT THE DISCOVERER KNOWS OF X-RAYS—LIGHTING A CITY BY ITS WASTE—THE OLD PROBLEM OF LUNAR INFLUENCE—BELGIUM'S TWENTY-FOUR HOUR CLOCKS—EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL—AN ANCIENT LAND OF GOLD—INFECTIO EVEN IN INK.

In his latest observations, just communicated to the Berlin Academy, Professor Roentgen finds that the X rays emanate from the irradiated air in all directions, so that if they were visible the appearance would be that of a room filled with smoke and lighted up by a candle.

When a plate is placed in front of a fluorescent screen, the barium platino-cyanide still remains luminous, but the fluorescence disappears when the screen is surrounded by a thin cylinder of lead. The observation that the rays may be made visible, presumably by causing fluorescence of the retina, is confirmed.

Our present knowledge of X rays may be summed up by saying that the rays from a discharging apparatus are a mixture varying in absorptibility and intensity, that the composition depends chiefly on the duration of the discharging current, that different bodies absorb different kinds of rays, and that the X rays are produced by the cathode rays and the phenomena of both are probably of the same nature.

The experiment of producing light from household refuse, now being tried for the first time at Shoreditch, a London suburb, will be watched with interest by the civilized world. The refuse is burned in twelve destructor cells, each having a grate area of 25 square feet, and each pair heating a water-tube boiler, which works at a pressure of 200 pounds. Suitable engines use the steam for driving three high and three low tension electric generators. The destructors are operated throughout the twenty-four hours, but, as the power is chiefly required for light, heat is stored by day by warming water to feed the boilers at night. The destructors are designed to burn 20,000 tons of refuse per annum. It is estimated that this will furnish electric light and power and warm baths for the 124,000 inhabitants of Shoreditch.

The Araxes river, in Transcaucasia, has shifted to its ancient bed, and now flows directly into the Caspian Sea, instead of into the Kura at a point 60 miles from the latter's mouth.

The idea that the moon has an appreciable action upon earthquakes and the weather has been maintained for a quarter of a century by M. de Parville, the French physicist, who states that the scientific world is now beginning to recognize such effects. Concerning the much discussed question of the influence of the moon upon vegetation, M. de Parville says: "If we must speak with a certain reserve of the lunar influence on tree-growth, we should add that no one has shown that such influence does not exist. \* \* \* M. Rousset, in his critical study, calls to mind an experiment that I made a long time ago in the Tropics, by planting side by side ten seeds in the wane of the moon and ten others at full moon. The plants sowed at new moon grew noticeably more rapidly than those at full moon. I explained this phenomenon by saying that the first appeared just in time to profit by the moon's light, while the others, after germination, were not exposed so long to the lunar rays. \* \* \* The hypothesis may be good, but perhaps it does not correspond to the reality. Nevertheless, it is confirmed by an observation of M. Carbonnier, who has, on his part, shown that at full moon convolvulid and cryptogamic vegetation is more active than in other lunar periods. However this may be, the arguments presented against the lunar influence are insufficient to reverse the popular prejudice."

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Ireland of prehistoric times was the gold country of Europe. In no other country, at any rate, has so much manufactured gold of early ages been found, not less than 400 specimens of Irish gold antiques being contained in the museum of the Royal Irish Academy alone, while the British Museum gold antiques illustrative of British history are entirely Irish. Trinity College, Dublin, has many fine examples, and there are large private collections. Native gold occurs in seven localities in Ireland, and the ancient miners may have had sources of supply that are now worked out or lost.

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HELEN'S TWO LOVERS. BY ANNA SHEILDS.

Did he feel triumphant? Did he feel bitterly ashamed? Was he glad? Was he sorry?

Will Spencer asked himself these questions over and over, weyring of the repetition, and yet never able to end it by saying heartily that he was glad and triumphant, or bitterly that he was sorry and ashamed. The plain fact stared him ever in the face, that Helen Raymond did not love him, and that Mrs. Raymond had urged his suit, and exerted her maternal influence and eloquence until Helen had consented to be his wife, telling him very frankly that her heart was in the grave of her lover, George Vanhorn, who had been killed in a railway collision nearly one year before.

"Mother was never willing I should marry George," Helen said sadly, "because he was poor, and we have suffered all that poverty can inflict. He was on his way to Colorado, where his brother had been successful, when he was killed."

Will Spencer winced, for he was rich, very rich, but then he put to the wind that soothing salve, "I will win her love when she is my wife," that has wrecked so many lives. It may come, this love that will not be hidden, to a man and wife after they are bound together for life, but the risk is great, and Will Spencer knew it.

Yet he cherished the delusion that love in the end would win a return, and he knew his own love to be strong and enduring. He had stepped back when George Vanhorn was met with such a smile as he could never win, had kept from pressing his suit when the name of Helen's lover appeared on the list of the killed in the account of the railway collision, but after the lapse of several months he had won Mrs. Raymond to his side, and so, by proxy, wooed Helen and won—what? a cold, reluctant consent to be his wife.

Yet she was not cold, this girl of twenty, whose heart had seemed crushed ever since the day when George Vanhorn's name was recorded as dead. He could have told how her eyes could soften with love's tenderness, her cheeks burn with love's blushes, her low, sweet, voice tremble with love's whispered words. He had won what all the Spencer gold, the riches of long generations, could not buy.

In the "long ago" the Raymonds had held wealth, too, but Helen's father, to use the expression of his brother, had "muddled away two fortunes, somehow," and had died a pauper. Helen was but a child then, and her mother was sufficiently wise to "fit her for a teacher," by a course of judicious education, for which her uncle paid.

And Helen, nervous, sensitive, quick in feeling, impulsive in speech, was about as unfit for a teacher as a girl could be. Still she trudged about in all weather to instruct such pupils in music and French as she could procure, and helped her mother shoulder the thousand and one cares of a boarding house when she was at home.

Before that fatal railway collision she was a bright, beautiful girl, with large, expressive, brown eyes, a voice of music, the step of a fairy, singing as a bird sings, from sheer joyousness of heart, bringing a jest to all the household worries, laughing merrily over her own blunders in the culinary department, turning old dresses, renovating old bonnets without a complaint, living on love and hope.

After that day she moved about slowly, her eyes dull and weary, her duties met with rigid mechanical precision, her lips compressed, her cheeks pale, a shadow of her joyous self.

And it made Will Spencer furious he could not break this icy calm. All in vain he brought her costly gifts, took her to every place of amusement where he could coax her to go, was her openly devoted slave. The few words of thanks she spoke were dull, her smile was on her lips only, and her eyes did not brighten. By no device could he call up one flash of her old joyousness. She sang for him, selecting difficult overtures that proved her proficiency, displayed a charming voice, nothing more. Never did she sing the old ballads that George Vanhorn had loved, when she threw her heart into every line, and made her eyes misty with her thrilling tones.

Yet she was grateful, and spoke often of her own regret that she so poorly repaid all Will's tenderness. She tried not to shrink from his

caresses, to give back something of the warmth of his love, and then, in the privacy of her own room, wept scalding tears over her own faithlessness.

Mrs. Raymond was often afraid that she would yet miss the golden prize she had partly won, and heartily seconded Will in his preparations for a speedy wedding. It was Mrs. Raymond who went with him to open the house that he had bought to adorn for his bride, who aided him in the selection of carpets, curtains, furniture, and gave him instructions regarding the kitchen department, of whose needs he was as ignorant as most young bachelors. It was Mrs. Raymond who received an anonymous letter containing a liberal sum, which she quietly appropriated for a trousseau and a suitable dress for the bride's mother.

She was a woman of rare tact. Having won Helen's consent to be Will Spencer's wife, she never bothered her by complaints about her listless indifference to her lover or her future prospects. She simply made all the arrangements for her, without once admitting a possibility of change. The betrothal was spoken of on all occasions, the preparation of the house, the selection of the trousseau referred to in matter-of-fact words that made Helen feel, as it was intended to, that she had walked into a net from which there was no escape.

And Will Spencer knew it all, and writhed under the knowledge, being a frank, loyal man, whose impulses were generous and honorable, and who loved Helen with all the strength of his heart. Often he asked himself how he could endure life, if he found his wife a faithful slave, instead of the happy companion he hoped to make her.

"If she never loves me!" he thought, bitterly. "If all my love fails to win hers, what will my life be?"

He did her justice. He knew that if his love failed to win her heart, his gold was powerless to make her happy. He knew that if her mother died or could not be benefited by her marriage, she would rather beg her bread herself than be his wife.

While matters stood in this unsatisfactory state, Mrs. Raymond made a suggestion: "I want you to go away for a month," she said to him, "and let Helen miss the constant devotion that she has had ever since your betrothal. Let her feel that a void has come into her life, and how dull and cheerless it would be if she lost you. The wedding day is set for June 10, and this is April. Stay away until the 5th of 6th of June."

It seemed to him good advice, and he had business in the West that would fill his time profitably. It gave him the first really happy moment of his engagement, when Helen said, gently, yet with a shudder:

"I cannot bear to think of you on railway trains, Will. Write often, that I may know you are safe."

Her lips met his in a tender pressure, such as a loving sister might bestow, but with far more affection than she had ever before given him. Was he winning her? The hope made this unexpected absence endurable, and for two weeks life held more pleasure than it had done in all the days of his courtship.

Then came a blow, sudden, sharp, overwhelming! He was in a large Western city, when, after night, returning to his hotel, a man on crutches asked for charity. The voice was familiar, and, in a shock of horror, the face struck him. One gasping cry escaped him:

"George Vanhorn!"

The man would have hurried away, but he followed easily. "Let me go, Spencer!" the cripple pleaded. "I did not recognize you! Don't you know I am dead?"

"I know you are coming in here with me," Will said, gently substituting his arm for one of the crutches, and entering the hotel where he had a room. "Steady, now!" and he led him, feeling how he trembled, until he had him seated in a great arm chair in his room, and felt his heart stirred with deep compassion at the havoc pain and poverty had made.

He would not let his guest speak until he had ordered a supper and made him comfortable. Then, turning to him, he saw that he was weeping.

"See what a woman you make of me!" the poor fellow said. "You thought I was dead?"

"Yes! All your friends think so."

"It was a narrow escape, and I wonder why I was spared. Nine months in a public hospital have left me crippled and incurably ill. They would not keep me after I

could get about on crutches, but I have begged or starved, and it will not be for longer! I would not let any one know for fear it would get to—Helen!"

"You want to hide from her?"

"Yes—yes! What would her life be tied to mine? You will not betray me, Spencer?"

"But you may recover."

"No! I should be only a wreck if I could, but I cannot. I have internal injuries that the cold and hunger of last winter have increased, fatally."

Will Spencer literally could not speak. This man asked of him only the silence that would give him his wife. Could he let Helen remain in ignorance of this strange adventure the memory of her old love might die away in time.

When he could speak again he led the conversation to Helen. He was very frank, telling George Vanhorn how truly he had been mourned, but saying nothing of his own hopes, and it was easy to see how George had loved her, how utterly self-sacrificing his silence had been. To spare her pain he had kept from her all knowledge of his own suffering.

But his pride yielded to Will's entreaties to be allowed to befriend him. He was very weak, very ill, and he allowed Will to get him a pleasant room in a quiet boarding-house, to furnish him with necessary clothing, to engage a doctor, and to take a brother's place beside him.

And the true, unselfish love triumphed.

"She will never marry me," Will thought, ruefully, as he folded a long, long letter, "but she shall not be cheated out of what little happiness life may still hold for her."

He wrote, too, to Mrs. Raymond, a letter that caused that respectable lady to grind her teeth, but which she obeyed, packing her trunk and accompanying Helen in the journey westward.

It was Will Spencer who met the two at the depot, and accompanied them to the boarding-house, where he kept Mrs. Raymond in the parlor after sending Helen upstairs alone. It was Will Spencer who smoothed away every difficulty, engaging rooms for mother and daughter, and quietly effacing himself.

It was far too long a story to try to record the three months that followed. George Vanhorn was resolute on one point. He would not marry Helen. He had no hope of recovery, but if the unexpected should happen he would not risk ruining Helen's life by binding it to his.

"Oh," she would cry, "what am I to deserve the love of two such men? Mother, it humbles me to think how they love me!"

And by this love her course was sustained through the three months, when she and her mother smoothed George Vanhorn's path to the grave. Such happiness as could be hers, she knew that she owed to Will Spencer, who showed his love only by his care of the invalid.

He never spoke of love to her, giving her up entirely, but upon her lover he lavished every kindness wealth could procure, or friendship dictate. He gave him a brother's devotion until the last parting came, and when he was laid in the cemetery Will Spencer took Helen and Mrs. Raymond back to their home and left them.

It was three years later when he came home from a European tour and called on Mrs. Raymond.

"The old lady, sir, is dead," the servant told him, "an' Miss Helen's livin' in—street. Maybe yees didn't hear she's come into some money from her uncle, sir, and Mrs. Grady, she's took this house, sir."

Come into some money! Well, she did not need him. He would wait awhile. But in a few days a little note reached him:

"It was unkind to let me hear of your return by accident. Will you not come to see me?"

Would he not? And when he went he could not keep the love out of his eyes or his voice, and she—at last! Her eyes dropped under his gaze, her cheeks flushed for him, her voice faltered, with tenderness. He had won his bride! And he had no secret hidden from her loving eyes, no treachery to discover. By the frankness he had thought would alienate her forever he had won her true, faithful love, a devotion as entire as that she had given in her girlhood to the man he had so nobly befriended.—The Ledger.

THE GEOLOGIC HISTORY OF AMERICA.

In the early day our continent was a mere archipelago. The backbone of the future continent was a V-shaped area surrounding what is now Hudson Bay. To the southeast

an island that is now the Adirondack Mountains, and another that is now the Jersey Highlands, rose above the waste of waters; and far to the south stretched probably a line of islands now represented by the Blue Ridge Mountains. To the westward another line of islands foreshadowed our Pacific border.

From this bare skeleton the continent grew, partly by the deposit of sediment from the denudation of the original islands (which once towered miles, perhaps, where now they rise thousands of feet,) but largely also by the deposit of organic remains, especially in the interior sea, which teemed with life. In the Silurian ages, invertebrates were the dominant types. But very early there came fishes of many strange forms. Later large spaces within the interior sea having risen to the surface, great marshes or forests of strange types of vegetation grew and deposited their remains to form coal beds.

Towards the close of this Paleozoic era the Appalachian Mountains were slowly upheaved in great conulated folds, some of them probably reaching three or four miles above the sea-level, though the tooth of time has since gnawed them down to comparatively puny limits. The continental areas thus enlarged were peopled during the ensuing Mesozoic time with multitudes of strange reptiles, many of them gigantic in size. The waters, too, still teeming with invertebrates and fishes, had their quota of reptilian monsters; and in the air were flying reptiles, some of which measured twenty-five feet from tip to tip of their bat-like wings. During this era the Sierra Nevada Mountains rose. Near the eastern border of the forming continent the strata were perhaps now too thick and stiff to bend into mountain folds, for they were rent into great fissures, letting out floods of molten lava, remnants of which are still in evidence, as the Palisades along the Hudson.

Still there remained a vast interior sea, which, later on, in the Tertiary age, was to be divided by the slow uprising of the land, which only yesterday—that is to say, a million, or three or five or ten million years ago—became the Rocky Mountains. High and erect these young mountains stand to this day, their sharp angles and rocky contours vouching for their youth, in strange contrast with the shrunken forms of the old Adirondacks, Green Mountains, and the Appalachians, whose lowered heads and rounded shoulders attest the weight of ages.

Then came the long winter of the glacial epoch—perhaps of a succession of glacial epochs. The ice sheet extended southward to about the fortieth parallel, driving some animals before it, and destroying those that were unable to migrate. At its fulness, the great ice mass lay almost a mile in depth over New England, as scratched and polished rock surfaces and deposited erratics in the White Mountains. Such a mass presses down with a weight of about 125 tons to the square foot, according to Dr. Croll's estimate. It crushed and ground everything beneath it more or less, and in some regions planned off hilly surfaces into prairies. Creeping slowly forward it carried all manner of debris with it. When it melted away its terminal moraine built up the nucleus of the land masses now known as Long Island and Staten Island; other of its deposits formed the "drumlins" about Boston famous as Bunker and Breed's hills; and it left a long irregular line of ridges of "till" or bouldery clay and scattered erratics clear across the country at about the latitude of New York city.

To-day we live on the border of the last glacial epoch, for which the closing of this period the long geologic past merges into the present.—Harper's Magazine.

KITCHEN RUN BY CITY.

AT GRENOBLE, FRANCE, AN ASSOCIATION SERVES GOOD FOOD AT COST.

Housewives who think the co-operative kitchen is so far in the future that it would be absurd to look forward to it for relief from drudgery will be interested to hear that a kitchen with the same end in view as the co-operative has been in successful operation for nearly fifty years. The Association Alimentaire, of Grenoble, France, is a purely municipal affair. The city owns it and supplies meals at cost in its own restaurant or delivers them at private homes.

Professor Osborne Ward, of the Department of Labor Statistics, spent his recent vacation abroad,

studying a number of socialistic experiments that are being carried on in various parts of Europe. He was interested more by what he saw at Grenoble than by anything else. The authorities gave him all the aid in their power when they learned that he was from the American Labor Bureau.

Everything at the Association Alimentaire is as good as money can buy. The cooks are as clever as any in France, which is saying a great deal. The provisions are bought in the best markets and are carefully selected. The service is excellent. The dining rooms are of several grades, according to the furnishings and the attendance, so that all tastes may be accommodated. One may dine there for three cents on bread and soup, and be satisfied, or one may pay twelve cents and have a full course dinner. In the best rooms, which are marble floored and decorated with much elegance, there are waiters who look for tips as naturally as though they were in the swiftest of Parisian cafes.

Pure wines, which have been properly aged, are served about eight cents a liter.

There is no financial profit to the city in running this huge restaurant, which serves some 15,000,000 meals a day. The charges are based on the cost of the materials used, the employment of help and the amount spent in keeping the utensils, machinery and building in repair.—New York Press.

HE COULDN'T STAND IT.

THE GOOD BISHOP WAS FRIGHTENED AT THE SPEED HE WAS TRAVELING.

Speed was once demonstrated on a Western road in a fashion to curl the hair of at least one old Mormon bishop. The churchman considered it a phenomenon, and got off the

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 23, 1897.—It was a case of mistaken judgment on the part of those Senators who started out to filibuster against a vote on the conference report on the tariff bill, as they discovered as soon as they took time to do a little quick thinking. The parliamentary status of the bill after the conference report was made tied its opponents hand and feet, unless they could control enough votes to reject the conference report, as a motion to accept the report was the only one that was in order. Could separate votes have been taken a motion to reduce the duty on white pine lumber to \$1, could easily have been carried, as could motions to replace cotton ties, baggings, bur-laps and other articles on the free list, but when it came to rejecting the conference report with all the uncertainty of what would be the result of re-opening the entire bill to amendment a majority was opposed to it. The trouble with those who wished to change portions of the bill was that they did not include any of those who voted for the bill as a whole or who would have voted for it, even if the changes they wanted had been made. That is why the effort was a failure from the start.

It is somewhat uncertain whether the sugar trust imposed on Congress and got much more than Congress thought it was getting in the final sugar schedule of the tariff bill, or whether it is now imposing upon that portion of the public which invests its money in stock speculations. If the present unprecedentedly high price for the sugar trust stock is maintained it will indicate that the first is true, but if the price of that stock takes a tumble, as some are predicting, it will be good evidence that the trust has worked the speculators to make up for what it failed to get from Congress.

That some people have queer ideas of the power of the President is shown by the urgent written appeals which have come to President McKinley concerning the big coal strike. Without exception these communications have come from educated people, and without exception the writers ask the President to stop the strike at once. Doubtless the writer of each of these appeals has an idea that all the President would have to do to stop the strike would be to intimate to the strikers and their employers that he wished it stopped. As a matter of fact the President has no more authority to stop the coal strike, or any other strike, than any reader of this paragraph has. He might, of course, influence either, or both sides, by suggestions or persuasion, but he cannot order them. It is very well known that Major McKinley would like to see the strike satisfactorily ended. He is much interested in the political campaign in Ohio, and he knows that a continuance of the strike isn't going to help Senator Hanna, but he is too shrewd a politician to take any chances of injuring himself by being too forward with suggestions. In plain English, while he wants the strike settled he doesn't wish to have any hand in the settlement, even if he had the power.

The opposition to Mr. Powderly's confirmation as Commissioner General of Immigration is so active that it is understood his friends in the Senate determined not to push the nomination to a vote at this session of Congress.

The Senate adopted the resolution authorizing the President to take steps for the release of those Americans arrested by the Spaniards on board of the alleged filibuster Competitor and since kept in prison; also for the return of the Competitor to its owner, but there is no probability that the House will act upon this or any other Cuban resolution at this session.

So much has been said about whether the Senate or the House gained the victory in the conference on the tariff bill that a statement of the official figures is herewith presented. There were to start with 874 Senate amendments to the bill when it went before the conference. The Senate conferees receded from 118 of them and the House conferees agreed to let 511 of them stand, while 145 of them were compromised. It is true that many of the Senate amendments accepted were comparatively unimportant. On the whole, taking the importance of the amendments into consideration, the House got a shade the best of the conference, but the victory was hardly pronounced enough to justify hiring a brass band and holding a jollification. It is probably because of the surprise that the House should get even that much shouting has been done.

Swallowed a Saw Pin. MILLVILLE, Pa., July 24.—Lizzie Sheets, 14 years of age, of Mt. Pleasant, swallowed a saw pin to-day. A physician was hurriedly sent for and applied all appliances known, but without avail. The girl has been put under a course of treatment, but suffers at intervals. City Physician Wade has charge of the case, and as he has been successful in similar cases, he hopes to save the girl's life.

Road Making by Criminals.

Compelling tramps and criminals to work on the highways is a possible solution of the prison labor problem that has been talked and written about a good deal. North Carolina has gone beyond the talk period in this matter and has experimented at actual road making by the aid of the tramps and petty criminals. The North Carolina law has been in existence six years, but as it is a sort of a local option enactment only seventeen of the ninety-six counties of the State have as yet availed themselves of its provisions. The North Carolina law gives the Superior Court Judge the option of sentencing prisoners to the roads or to the penitentiary, where the term does not exceed five years, but the chief supply of criminal road-makers come from the Mayors' and Justices' Courts. Under the North Carolina system permanent macadamized or shell roads are constructed, and the result is that a system of excellent roads radiate from the cities of Raleigh, Charlotte and a few other less conspicuous places for a distance of twenty miles into the country, rendering driving a delight and drawing trade and traffic from the less progressive towns.

Another good result of the law has been to rid the counties in which it is enforced of the tramps which swarm through the other Southern States during the winter season. A tramp who has done service on the roads for thirty days generally leaves North Carolina, and warns all other members of the tramp tribe to avoid the State. For the sake of solving both the highway and the tramp problems the North Carolina experiment is worth trying in Pennsylvania, and for that matter in every other State. The tramps and criminals could in this way be made useful without exciting the hostility of organized labor, very little of which is ever engaged in constructing and repairing the highways.

Bringing Law Into Contempt.

How long will it be possible to preserve among our citizens a decent respect for law when there are among our lawmakers men who are either stupid and beyond belief or who are so utterly reckless as to whether the laws they make are constitutional or otherwise, or how much expense they may cost the people in litigation? If the lawmakers of Pennsylvania of this present year are a sample of what we may expect in the future, it will not be long before all law, as well as all lawmakers, will fall into universal contempt.

Fell Into a Well.

BENIGLES, Md., July 24.—William Porter, aged 12 years, met his death on the premises of his uncle at Middle River, Baltimore county, in a peculiar manner last night. He attempted to assist his aged grandmother in drawing a bucket of water from an old-fashioned windless well. The bucket slipped and the lid was pulled feet foremost into the well, fully feet to the bottom, where his head struck on the projecting stones and his skull was fractured. Death was instantaneous. The shock of his death almost killed the boy's sister. The girl swooned twice and was revived with difficulty by the doctor.

Caught in a Thresher.

LANCASTER, July 24.—A horrible accident occurred on the farm of George Shilling, living in Bart township. Yesterday afternoon Christian Rapp, who works with the steam thresher of Robert Donnelly was killed in a fearful manner. The separator is of the undershot pattern, and is so dangerous that those working about it are obliged to be very careful. Rapp crawled to the top of the machine to adjust a straw carrier and in getting down slipped and his legs were drawn into the cylinder where the machine is fed. His legs were literally ground to pieces to the knees and he became wedged so tightly into the cylinder that the separator stopped running. When he was taken out from the machine he was perfectly conscious and spoke to those around, but he only lived an hour. He was 35 years old and leaves a family of small children.

Intelligence of a Horse.

Dr. W. H. Watkins, of New Orleans, according to the Times-Democrat, relates that while a student, in a class where it was customary to wear a distinguishing badge, and a number of the students being one day gathered on the campus, a horse came limping toward them. "He came to a stop a dozen or more feet away, and, carefully surveying us, finally made up his mind as to what he wanted to do, and without any hesitation limped directly to my side, whinnied, stuck his nose against my body, and held up his left foreleg. Looking down, I discovered a large nail imbedded in the frog of the hoof. This had evidently caused the lameness. I extracted the nail and the horse whinnied with relief and walked away. Rather curious as to why the beast had picked me out to attend to his wound, I glanced at the boys and found the solution to the problem. Not one of the group had his medical badge upon his coat but myself. The horse had recognized the insignia and acted accordingly."

EDITORIAL SCENTILLATIONS.

The great wheat crop of this year is sure to bring about the best two good results. It will enrich the farmers and kill off the pessimists.—Baltimore American.

The armor plate boilers may be expected to keep the country stirred up over war rumors, at least until Congress adjourns.—St. Louis Republic.

The thing that appears to be the matter with Kansas is the inadequacy of all outsiders as a storehouse for her wheat crop.—Detroit Free Press.

Every bushel of wheat in the United States brings 17 cents more than it did a year ago. That seven-

teen to one beats the old sixteen to one all hollow.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The nomination of Powderly for Commissioner of Immigration is looked upon as an honest effort on the part of the President to maintain the campaign credit of the party.—Detroit Free Press.

It is distinctly masculine. When a man has no other way of showing his love he kills the woman.—New York Sun.

Most of the charges of bullying against Uncle Sam seem to come from parties hitherto engaged in an effort to control the business.—Detroit Tribune.

The best thing about the gold craze is that it will kill off a lot of good-for-nothings and settle a new country.—New York Press.

Speaker Reed's part in the enactment of the tariff seems to have been carried out to the letter and on schedule time.—Omaha Bee.

They have lynched a man in Kentucky because he was a bad character. That is a very alarming state of affairs for some Kentucky politicians.—Nashville American.

Evidently Mr. Dingley believes that the proper way to smash a trust is to give it more business than it can attend to.—Detroit Tribune.

It is understood that the Sugar Trust will manage to eke out existence with the paltry \$200,000,000 presented it by the new tariff bill.—Atlanta Journal.

Wheat is still going up and silver has struck the lowest price in years. Have the Pop political economists who insist that the prices of wheat and silver always go together forsaken their faith and joined the rush to the Alaskan gold fields?—Louisville Courier-Journal.

If the country can't do business after the British example set by Congress during the extra session, then there is little hope for it.—Minneapolis Tribune.

The suspicion that the Senate is the Sultan of the National Congress gains ground as one studies more closely the tariff schedule.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

The alleged defiance of the Japanese Foreign Minister to the United States probably means nothing more serious than that the yellow journalism has invaded Japan.—Buffalo Express.

Americans will have to take several bushels more of gold from the Northwest Territory before they are even with our esteemed Canadian neighbors on the seal question.—Chicago Tribune.

The new law will bear the name of Dingley. So much is assured. But it may not bear the Maine statesman into the Presidency. In McKinley such bills have elected their last President.—Springfield Republican.

NEW ROAD LAW.

WILL RESULT IN BETTER ROADS.—WILL NOT GO INTO IMMEDIATE EFFECT. The following are the provisions of the new road law. In all townships having less than three supervisors there shall be three elected at the next spring election, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and thereafter one each year for three years. In townships having three at the present time, no new election shall be held except as their terms expire.

On the first Monday in March, 1898, the three supervisors shall meet and organize as a board, electing one of their number as chairman, one Secretary and a Treasurer who shall not be a member of the board. They shall proceed to levy a road tax, not exceeding ten mills, the last valuation being taken as a basis. Should the Supervisors desire a larger tax, unanimous application should be made to the Court of Quarter Sessions, said tax not to exceed ten mills. In addition to the above the Supervisors shall assess each taxable one dollar.

A certain proportion, not less than one-fourth and not to exceed one-half, of the road tax levied upon any taxable person, shall be paid in money, and the balance may be paid in work. Every taxable shall have the privilege of working out the work part of his road tax and the roadmaster of his district shall give him five days' notice of the time and place for its performance, and upon such notice he may perform the labor under the direction of the roadmaster. The roadmaster shall make return of the amount of labor thus performed to the road supervisors, who shall credit the said taxable with the same on account of his said tax. Failure on the part of any taxpayer after five days' notice to work upon the roads or bridges after having been properly notified of the time and place, shall be regarded as a waiver of his right so to do, and the whole amount shall be collectible in money.

The board of road supervisors shall divide their townships into road districts not less than five miles each and shall employ a roadmaster for each district, who shall work on the road himself and see that the work is done according to the plans furnished by the supervisors. The Supervisors may require a bond of the roadmaster and they shall fix the rates of wages, and shall have full control of them. The work may be let to the highest bidder, if deemed best by the Supervisors.

The Supervisors are authorized to join with the Supervisors of one or more adjoining townships and boroughs in the purchase of road making machinery.

The provisions of this act shall not go into effect until the sum of one million dollars has been appropriated by act of Assembly or shall have been received in the State Treasury from taxes for road purposes.

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Secretary Sherman would do well to keep an eye on John Bull's boundary line tracer while bringing him to time on the fur seal fisheries. Those discoveries of gold in Alaska will have a tendency to arouse all the covetousness in his grasping old heart.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

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HOME AND ABROAD.

Thus far the prevailing deluge has only washed away a part of Main street.

As to what will happen within the next twenty-four hours our oldest and wisest weather prophet can't tell.

Those who had anticipated a drought in July 1897 have been carrying umbrellas the greater part of the month.

A number of citizens of this borough visited Willow Grove Park last Saturday evening.

Mrs. James Long and daughter, of King-of-Prussia, are visiting Mrs. Kratz and family, Fifth avenue.

Miss Blanche Hallman, of Norristown, is the guest of Mrs. Mary Bartman, Fifth avenue, this week.

Garet Bergey will succeed J. T. Keyser as proprietor of the creamery at Yerkes next Monday.

The ladies will be specially interested in the new adverb, of Lyman Beecher & Son, Pottstown.

J. Schrack Campbell, of near Eagleville, fell in his barn Friday, while gathering eggs, and fractured his collar bone.

At Columbia the 17-month-old child of Calvin Clair, of Marietta, pulled a lamp into its lap and was burned to death.

The Patriotic Order Sons of America will have a big time in Reading in August.

Mrs. Jeremiah Heist, of Tylersports, Montgomery county, has a cactus plant with 140 blossoms.

William Z. Garges, unmarried, aged about 30 years, who formerly resided at Salfordville, died recently at the almshouse.

In the absence of the pastor, Mr. E. W. Lentz, B. D., preached in Trinity church, this borough, on Sunday morning, and in the Skip-packville church, Sunday evening.

Dunster—"Now that electricity is running everything, steam will have to take a back seat." "Claverly!" "Then she can smoke all she wants."—Harvard Lampoon.

The United Evangelical Sunday Schools of Trappe and Limerick will picnic at Sanatoga on Saturday, August 14.

Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer, of Sanatoga, has been quite ill at her home for nearly three weeks, but is recovering slowly. Mrs. Wittenmeyer has a national reputation as an army nurse and as an authoress.

Ex-County Commissioner William G. Smith, of Norristown, and wife recently celebrated their golden wedding.

A young daughter of James Thompson at Quarryville, Lancaster county, was bitten by a snake while asleep in her room and may die. The snake was a copperhead.

The humane agent at Altoona has arrested Mrs. Jennie Bell for compelling her 8-year-old son to drink a bowl of broth made by boiling a mouse.

Burgess Talbot, of West Chester, has made an order forbidding the sale of refreshments near the African Methodist Episcopal church on Sunday.

Harry Fry, a hostler, has been held for court trial at Lancaster on the charge of maliciously puncturing the tires of bicycles at McGran's Park, where the ball games are played.

Jerry Scheetz has mysteriously disappeared from his home in Reading. He is 70 years of age.

Hundreds of acres of valuable land in Mercer county are being overrun by Canada thistles.

Conductor Thomas Sanders, who lives in Philadelphia, was overcome by the heat while on his train near Pottstown on Thursday and taken to Reading.

The authorities of Orwigsburg, Lehigh county, are willing to pay \$1 per head for every dog captured in the borough, but no one is willing to do the work.

A permanent organization of Probationists has been formed in Shamokin to further the interests of Dr. S. C. Swallow for State Treasurer.

The Board of Education of Chester has passed a rule forbidding the holding of theatrical entertainments by school children.

Four thousand visitors are expected to attend the annual meeting of the Central G. A. R. Association at York in September.

The anthracite coal business never bore a more prosperous outlook than at the present time, says the Mount Carmel News.

The directors of the York County Agricultural Association have sent an invitation to President McKinley to attend the fortieth annual exhibition in October.

W. Scott Hudson, 50 years of age, was found in an unconscious condition at Ogontz on Sunday. He had been struck by a trolley car or injured in some other manner.

A strange malady has attacked the cows in the region of Falls Creek, near Bellfonte. Six animals have died within a week and many more are ailing. Veterinarians are at a loss to define the disease, and the State Board of Health has been notified, but so far no action has been taken. The cows are sick but a few days and then die.

Sunday School Teacher—"And when the prodigal son returned home his father fell upon his neck and blessed him—why did he do that?"

Scholar—"Cause he was so glad to find he didn't come back with a wife and family, I s'pose."—Judge.

Oakview Park.

The Schuylkill Valley Traction Company has leased Oakview Park, Norristown, and will exert strong efforts to make the Park a popular resort for picnics and family excursions.

Communion Services.

This coming Sunday morning Trinity Church of this borough will hold communion services, and on the same occasion the annual offerings for the poor fund of the church will be lifted.

Excursion to Fairmount Park.

The Augustus Lutheran Sunday School of Trappe will go on an excursion to Fairmount Park on Saturday, August 28. All the friends of the School are invited to go along.

Annual Services in the Old Church.

The regular annual services in the "old church" building of the Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe, will be held next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. All welcomed.

Rain, Rain, Rain!

Up to Tuesday more or less rain had fallen in this section of the State every day during a period of eighteen days. Judging by the indications at this writing (Tuesday afternoon) it may rain every day for a month or two to come.

Delivered an Address.

Rev. J. H. Hendricks, of this borough, delivered the address at the Federalsville Sunday School picnic last Saturday afternoon, in a grove near that place. The East Greenville Citizens' Band of twenty-eight pieces furnished the music.

Life Insurance Money Paid.

An agent of the New York Life Insurance Company went to King of Prussia on Friday and handed to Mrs. Thomas, widow of Wm. E. Thomas, a check for \$7234. This represents the policy of \$5000 and all the premiums paid in by Mr. Thomas, it being what is known as a return premium policy.

Struck by a Train.

William Bumbacher stopped on the track in front of a Philadelphia and Reading Railway express train at Spring Mill Sunday, and was hurled 30 feet by the locomotive, sustaining a fracture of an arm and one rib, besides other injuries. He is 80 years of age and not likely to recover.

Philadelphian Markets.

Winter bran, \$10.25@11.00; flour \$2.75 to \$4.15; rye flour, \$2.35; wheat, 78 to 79c; corn, 34c; oats, 45c; butter, 13 to 15c; poultry, live, 9 1/2@10c, dressed, 9@9 1/2c; timothy hay, 75@85c, mixed, 70@75c; straw, 60@70c; beef cattle 4@5c; sheep, 2@4c; lambs, 3 1/2@4c; hogs, western, 5 1/2@5 3/4c.

Officiated at Spring City.

Sunday morning last Rev. J. H. Hendricks, of Trinity church, this borough, conducted services in the First Reformed church, Spring City, both morning and evening. At the morning service he baptized and confirmed several persons and administered to the congregation the Sacrament of the Holy Communion, using the "individual communion service."

Death of a Valuable Horse.

Prince Mambrino, a fine trotting horse belonging to John Jamison, of Norristown, died of lockjaw caused by an injured limb, Friday evening. Mr. Jamison purchased the horse of F. W. Scheuren, of this borough, last winter. Prince possessed all the noble qualities of a great horse. In addition to his kind disposition he had the ability to trot a mile close to 3.30.

RELIQUIOUS.

Inchbridge: There will be no preaching until further notice is given. Sunday School and C. E. as usual.

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 Thursday evening at 7.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

Morning service at Union Church, Wetherill Corners, near Shamokin, Pa., has been resumed for the summer and fall at 10.30 o'clock. Service in the afternoon at St. Paul's Memorial, near Oaks, at 3.30. All welcome. Benj. J. Douglas, 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.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messenger, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 8.45 a. m. Junior C. E. prayer-meeting on Saturday at 2.30 p. m. Y. P. B. C. E. prayer-meeting on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Trappe United Evangelical church. Services next Sunday at 10 a. m. Sunday School at 12 m. All invited to attend these services. Rev. J. Max Longsdorf, pastor. Meeting of Trappe Temperance Society Thursday evening, August 5.

Trinity Church: Wednesday evening, prayer service, 8 o'clock. Services preparatory to the Holy Communion, Saturday, at 2 p. m., and Consistory meeting, at 3.15 p. m. Sunday: Sunday School, 8.45 a. m., and Junior C. E. prayer service, at 2 o'clock, and the Y. P. B. C. E. prayer service, at 7.30 o'clock, Miss Stella Bechtel, leader. The annual offerings for the Poor Fund will be lifted at the Sunday morning service, preaching in the Skip-packville church, Sunday, at 2.30 p. m.

Physical strength and energy contribute to strength of character, and both may be had by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

They Would have Stolen the Field if they Could.

Thieves recently raided a potato patch on the premises of H. C. Meister, near Swamp. The yield of three long rows of potatoes was dug up and hauled away.

An Eclipse.

An annual eclipse of the sun will occur to-day, July 29, and will be visible to the greater portions of North and South America, a small part of the Pacific ocean and the extreme western part of Africa. It will be visible as a partial eclipse in the United States from 9.04 a. m., to 2.49 p. m.

A Real Estate Transaction.

Charles Shaw, proprietor of the Collegeville Hotel, has purchased of Jonas Bowman a tract of about six acres of land adjoining the Penna. Female College property, this borough, and fronting on the road leading from Main street to the Perkiomen and Summerytown turnpike. The deal was effected by Esquire J. M. Zimmerman.

Hospital Appropriations Approved.

Governor Hastings has approved bills appropriating \$1,000 each to Chester hospital, Pottstown, and the Pottstown hospital, for maintenance, and \$6000 to the Phoenixville hospital. The 128 appropriation bills approved at the same time involved disbursements to the extent of \$3,825,555.81.

Wind, Rain, and Hail.

Wind, rain, and hail wrought destruction in the middle and lower sections of this county, and in Philadelphia, Friday afternoon. Trees, telegraph poles, and fences were blown down, the hail damaged crops, and streams were swollen with rushing water. Near King-of-Prussia, Mrs. Baldwin was partially stunned by lightning. Many out-buildings were turned over and wrecked.

Five Cows Instantly Killed.

While driving fifteen of Henry Bean's cows to pasture in the vicinity of Sellersville, Bucks county, Monday morning, five of the herd were instantly killed while crossing the Reading Railway's tracks. The south-bound express train, which had just passed, hid from view the approaching north-bound local freight train, and with-out noticing the approaching train the cows were started across the track.

A Small Peach Crop.

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A Long Pigeon Fly.

Eighteen pigeons, the pick of seven lofts in Phoenixville, were released at Gatesville, Pa., on Friday morning, for a 600-mile race home. It was the longest race ever taken by Phoenixville fanciers. The wind was southwest and the weather was clear. It was a perfect day for the race, up until evening, when it rained. Saturday was not so favorable, it being stormy along the coast in the direction in which the birds had to fly. Three days were allowed for the return of the birds, and only two came home within the time limit. R. J. Davane's bird finished at 7.52 a. m. on Sunday and W. C. Koerner's at 4.42 p. m. The following also had birds entered, but no returns: I. W. and H. C. Kurtz, Frank Emery, Wm. Hiller, Grant Kurtz and Robert Hennessy.

Wheelmen's Run.

The following gentlemen left Main street about Third avenue, this borough, at 5.45 Sunday morning; Charles Garber, Charles Vanlersee, Andrew Lous, John Yost, Enos Prier, William Yost, Darlington Davis, Harvey Koter, Roscoe Fetterolf, Danley Kelley and Albert Loax. On arriving at Reading they were met by a prominent business man who escorted them to the Mount Penn Gravity Road. After taking a ride to the top of the mountain, they were again escorted to the inn where their escort took them to the different parks surrounding the city. On returning to the city and partaking of a light lunch they started on their return journey, everybody being pleased with the day's outing.

An Old Spark Fanned Into Life.

A romance in real life had its culmination Thursday in the marriage of Syrick Shalleross, of Middleton, Delaware county, and Mrs. Eliza Robinson, of Bethayres, Montgomery county. The couple were lovers in the days of their teens, when Shalleross lived at Fox Chase. The parents of the young lady objected to their marriage, and she went to Middleton, married and became a widow. As time wore on and the spark of love smoldered, the woman from whom he became separated also married. Her first husband died and a second likewise paid the debt of nature. Recently the couple met at a funeral near Bethayres. Byrones was taken over, and the while Cupid was busy fanning the smoldering spark into flame. All obstacles removed, the couple decided to be joined in wedlock, and the event to which they looked forward nearly 60 years ago took place Thursday. Shalleross is 81 and his bride 79.

THE TURF.

Threatening weather and doubts as to the condition of the track resulted in a slim attendance at the meeting at the Park Saturday afternoon. However, the track was fast and several interesting races took place. A. Hilborn's Jennie won in the 2.50 class with Thomas Jefferson as a competitor, in 2.42 and 2.34, the latter mark breaking the previous track record of 2.36. In the 3-minute class N. Gerhart's sorrel flyer from Skip-pack was the winner. N. Huber's Maywood Girl won the first heat and did some fine trotting. The special "go" for one mile between Gerhart's sorrel and Jefferson resulted in a close race and was won by the former; time, 2.46. The next race meeting will be held Thursday afternoon, August 12, 1897.

Work That Pays.

Is that offered in another column by the Chautauque Nursery Co., Geneva, N. Y., to teachers, canvassers, anyone willing to experiment. Would advise writing them. S. J. S.

The Oats Crop Damaged.

The cloudy weather and heavy rains this week have in many instances practically ruined the outstanding and outlying portion of this year's oats crop. Where the oats is lying in sheaves both grain and straw have been ruined, and where standing the greater part of the oats has fallen from the stalks. Thousands of dollars will be lost to farmers as a consequence.

Poisoned.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Crawford Johnson, their daughter Estabella and Miss Alberta Eullian, a sister to Mrs. Johnson, were poisoned Sunday evening by ice cream at Mr. Johnson's residence, Swede street, Norristown. Dr. Jay C. Knipe was called in and after six hours' work brought them out of danger. The family is of the opinion that the poison was in the milk, as the can in which the cream was made had been thoroughly cleaned before being used.

Destroyed by Fire.

The straw house on Solomon Renninger's farm, tenanted by Noah Leister, Jr., in New Hanover, was struck by lightning on Friday afternoon and set on fire, which ignited Mr. Renninger's large barn. Both were destroyed with all this year's grain and hay crops. The live stock and farm machinery were all saved. The loss may reach \$2500. The same evening the hotel of Dr. Jesse Z. Hillgass, in Red Hill, was struck, and the chimney demolished.

Told to Keep Their Outfits in Order.

Postmasters who have been using rubber, lead or iron stamps with the result that the postmarking of much mail has been so illegible as to make it valueless, have been instructed by the department at Washington to get their stamps in order. The marks upon letters is often of considerable importance to the receivers, and it is hoped that this order will be followed by some excellent results without any extra cost to the department.

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Almost Blind.

Davis Raudenbush, of Upper Providence, is almost blind from an affection of his eyes; and in this grave misfortune has recently been added the deep grief occasioned by the loss of his eldest daughter, Mrs. Isiah Landes. The sorrows attending human existence fall sooner or later upon all, but in this instance they greatly intensify previously existing burdens. Surely, Mr. Raudenbush has the earnest sympathy of all his friends.

Terribly Burned.

Ralph Pugh, of Phoenixville, 16 years of age, and an employe at the Bush Bros' planing mill, Royersford, had a number of matches in his pocket while at work Friday. In some way the matches were ignited. Instead of attempting to smother the flames he rushed to the bath room and jumped into a tub of water. The water quenched the flames but sufficient of the fluid was converted into steam to add scalds to his burns. He will be laid up for some time.

Barn Destroyed.

A fire, due to a stroke of lightning, occurred in the Heffield township, one mile north of Lansdale, on Friday evening, between five and six o'clock. The barn on the farm of Anthony Brunner was consumed with all its contents, including the season's crops, recently housed. The live stock was saved. The storm was severe in that section of the county, and it was in the height of it that the Brunner barn was struck. Flames immediately burst forth at several points. The loss is about \$1500, partly covered by insurance.

Methacton Literary Society.

A regular meeting of the Methacton Literary Society of Lower Providence will be held Saturday evening, July 31. Program: Recitations—Flora Morgan, Mary Campbell, Mary Fry, Mary Detwiler. Readings—Myra Johnson, Ralph Johnson, Sallie Ebling, Ella Johnson. Music—Emma Warren, Stella Snood, Nellie Evans, Harry Kratz. Debate—Resolved, that the mental capacity of woman is equal to that of man. Affirmative: Joseph Kratz, Joseph Johnson, Mr. Hoeker. Negative: J. Howard Johnson, Mr. Rittenhouse, A. L. Anson.

Thrown From a Wagon and Seriously Injured.

Last Saturday morning Enos Poley, of Evansburg, was engaged hauling lime from Fort Kennedy to this borough, for Contractor S. P. Spear who is constructing houses for Burgess Clamer. In coming down the hill at the cemetery of the Presbyterian church, Mr. Poley was in the act of putting on the brake when the rod connecting the lever with the brake broke or became dislodged, and, losing his balance, fell from his spring seat to the road, sustaining a fractured thumb, a mangled hand and severe injuries about the face. The horses went as far as the hill opposite where they were caught. Though partially stunned Mr. Poley soon regained his feet, and was assisted to his home where he received the medical treatment at the hands of Dr. S. E. Krusen, assisted by Dr. Still of Norristown. The Dr. found it necessary to remove several of the bones from the mangled thumb. We are glad to say that Mr. Poley is getting along as well as can be reasonably expected.

DEATHS AT CHARITY HOSPITAL.

John Hartnapp, of Bridgeport, the huckster who was kicked by his horse Saturday forenoon, died at Charity Hospital Sunday night. He was in the act of getting into his wagon Saturday when the animal kicked him on his stomach.

Eleanor Lester, of Green street, Norristown, was scalded Thursday while working at the Norristown carpet mill, by being splashed with acid and hot dye. Mr. Lester was taken to the hospital, where he died Sunday afternoon.

PERSONAL.

Editor J. O. K. Roberts, of the Phoenixville Messenger, was in town Monday and paid this office a pleasant visit. Come again.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Shunk, of Washington, D. C., were the guests of the editor of this paper and his family, Wednesday last week.

D. D. Alderfer, of Philadelphia, was in town over Sunday, the guest of Miss Mary Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hess, of this borough, have gone to Waynesboro, Pa., to visit relatives and friends.

The funeral of Mrs. Isiah Landes from her late residence, York, last Saturday, was attended by a large concourse of sympathizing relatives and friends. Rev. J. T. Myers, of Oaks, officiated at the house, and Rev. S. L. Messenger conducted the services at St. Luke's Reformed church and cemetery, Trappe. Undertaker J. L. Bechtel had charge of the remains.

LARGELY ATTENDED FUNERALS.

The funeral of Henry Wismer, of Gratersford, who died of blood poisoning, caused by two grains of wheat penetrating his instep, took place Saturday, and it was one of the largest ever known in that section for many a day. Over 300 people had to be turned away from the church, there being no room within, and 125 carriages were lined up outside. Rev. W. Taylor, the pastor of the Mennonite church at Gratersford, officiated at the services, the former at the house, the latter at the church.

COUNTY POLITICS.

At a meeting of the Democratic county committee at Norristown, last week, August 14 was decided on as the date for a convention to elect ten delegates to the State Convention and September 21 as the time for a convention to nominate a county ticket. Contrary to expectations, the question of nominating a judicial ticket was not taken up, but the members present nearly all expressed themselves as favoring a nomination. William Henry Sutton, of Lower Merion, is understood to be a candidate, and J. V. Gotwals, of Pottstown, is prominently mentioned, as is also ex-Supreme Court Judge Christopher Heydrick, of Venango county.

The term of office of Collector of Internal Revenue of the district of Montgomery county is a part will expire in August, so that an appointment will soon be made. There are numerous applicants for the position, which is worth about \$1400. They include Captain H. H. Fetterolf, Collegeville; Wm. D. Detwiler, Souderton, and S. S. Wells, Royersford.

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The young people of St. Paul's Memorial Sunday School are preparing to hold a fair shortly.

And now a friend of ours is wondering where that hatchet's gone, as it was perfectly new; he did not get a chance to have it long enough to wear the new off of it. Somebody might out themselves with it; then you will have proof, positive proof; yes, lasting proof at last.

A friend of ours having some shopping to do, concluded she would go to Phoenixville. Getting in behind a bob-tailed horse, the driver reined up at a drug store, with our friend in the carriage. To her amusement a bob-tailed cat came purring around the horse. Shortly after this the cat made way for a bob-tailed dog. It was supposed if they would have remained long enough to eat before the hog would go. But the man got the hog over the culvert all right. Hogs are contrary, and it is only when rendered into lard, chopped into sausage meat, or lumped up in the smoke house, that they are completely under control.

Abel Brower, Jr., is going to Alaska. We would go also if we did not have such tender feet.

A scorcher out the turnpike went, with his coat tails flying, his body bent. Where are you going, young man, going so rapidly? Going? Why going to the Klondike to make a big strike and come back rich, don't you see.

"When the man got up to speak then Cook laid down."

Harry Cressman lost a whole brood of young chickens. A rat eat 'em. He moved his wood-pile out of the barn and he found an enormous big rat. Just as he was about to kill him the rat spoke up: "Henry, when are you going to set another hen?"

Mr. C. has a big time with his crop of big potatoes. They have grown so large they have crowded out the smaller ones, that over half of the row next to the fence is over in Yocum's oats field, and he is afraid when they plot that field for wheat the potatoes will upset the plow, and he will have to blow 'em out with dynamite. This a free blow, Harry.

Samuel Poley has a four-legged chicken. Just the kind of chickens to raise in a family of four; each member of the family can have a drumstick, if they are particular to that part of the chicken. This chicken does not differ from any other chicken, only it has four legs thrown in, in case it might have to scratch for a living. When it gets tired scratching with one pair of legs it turns a somersault and scratches with the extra pair.

Mr. Joseph Brower has trimmed the weeds and grass from the side of the lane. Now if some one would clean the bushes and poison vines out the opposite side it would be a good thing. John W. Franco, Jr., has the front of his lots clear and clean. About all the pay there is in it, might find a guinea hen's nest or two and several snakes; but if the brush was removed might have a fair view of the new town; see it in perspective, at least.

There was a lively scrap, a regular Black Hawk was down near the railroad bridge on Saturday afternoon. It is so easy to get into a scrap, and what a heap of trouble it is to get out. This was a colored affair. A small child was hurt. Any amount of the choicest kind of language, enough to make a linguist turn pale, was said. Two colored families live in the house; use the same stairway, entry and kitchen. One family has four children; the other a babe. It is just as possible for peace to reign, under such circumstances, as it is for fresh hogs made bread to fall out of the clouds. There was bad blood among them, and it is supposed if they would have had their razors loaded the affair might have been a most serious one. Complaint was lodged at the "Squire's" office and a warrant placed in the hands of the constable and now Joe Bunker, catch that Darkey, oh! Joe Bunker, do! But the colored man has gone, no one knows where, and it proves his good sense, in this complicated case.

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John Nettles, freeman on the through freight, Perkiomen R. R., will move to Allentown.

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 For ALLENTOWN—Week days—9:05, 10:17 a. m.; 3:25, 5:11, 6:54 p. m. Sundays—8:30 a. m.; 7:45 p. m.  
**Trains For Collegeville.**  
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 Leave BRIDGEPORT—Week days—8:30, 9:47 a. m.; 2:30, 4:57, 6:20 p. m. Sundays—7:47 a. m.; 7:04 p. m.  
 Leave PERKIOMEN JUNCTION—Week days—8:50, 10:12 a. m.; 3:00, 5:11, 6:58 p. m. Sundays—8:08 a. m.; 7:25 p. m.  
 Leave ALLENTOWN—Week days—4:25, 7:15, 10:50 a. m.; 3:25 p. m. Sunday—4:35 a. m.; 4:35 p. m.  
**ATLANTIC CITY DIVISION.**  
 Leave Philadelphia, Chestnut Street Wharf and South Street Wharf for Atlantic City. Week days—Express, 8:00, 9:00, 10:45 a. m. (Saturdays only 1:30), 3:00, 5:00, 5:40, 6:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:40, 7:00 p. m. Accom., 8:00 a. m., 5:30, 6:30 p. m. Sundays—Express, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 10:30, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30 p. m. Accom., 8:00 a. m., 4:45 p. m. \$1.00 Excursion train to foot of Mississippi Ave., 7:00 a. m., daily.  
 Leave Atlantic City Depot: Week days—Express (Mondays only 6:45 a. m.), 7:00, 7:45, 8:10, 9:00, 10:15, 11:00 a. m., 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30 p. m. Accom., 4:25, 8:15 a. m., 4:05 p. m. Sundays—Express, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 10:30, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30 p. m. Accom., 7:15 a. m., 5:05 p. m. \$1.00 Excursion train from foot of Mississippi Ave. only, week days, 6:00 p. m., Sundays 6:10 p. m.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**  
**NEGLECTED CULTIVATION AND WEEDS.**  
 Neglected cultivation returns to the defaulting farmer a high price for the product of his land in the shape of worthless weeds. With the present improved farm machinery, there is a great improvement in the cultivation of farms; and yet, in the face of this, there is much very imperfectly done, much of which could be, with a will and an effort, even with only ordinary machinery, much better done. Take a corn field, for instance, that has been poorly plowed and harrowed, then planted, and as is often the case we weather or neglect gives opportunity for weeds and grass to get a vigorous start, it then becomes a great task to rid the field of them; and should wet weather follow, the work would hardly justify the labor bestowed. There are few farmers who, having thus finished a hard job at plowing and hoeing would be at all willing to turn about and go over all again, but this must be done in such cases to rid the field of the grass and weeds.  
 The proper and better way, then, is to begin cultivation as soon after planting as practicable, doing more work with the cultivator and less with the hoe. However, work that needs to be done with the hoe, were better not be done immediately after the cultivator, and likewise, it is better not hastily repeat the work of the cultivator, give time for the uprooted weeds either to die or to take root-hold again. Then, after two or three days of sun, if the cultivator be run again the effect against the weeds will be more efficacious. Let this method be followed, which is much easier than hoeing, and soon every green thing between the rows will be destroyed. Then go through and with hand and hoe rid the hill of all weeds left in them, casting them between the rows, where, if they take root-hold, they will be torn up by the cultivator when it follows. Such hoeing may be done any time when not too wet for stirring the soil; for, of course, hoeing when the soil is wet or fresh stirred, weeds are apt to take a new start, so let a few days of sunshine intervene if practicable. If the hand hoe be used at all in the field, it should be to kill weeds rather than to cultivate the soil. The horse hoe and cultivator can do this better and in much less time.  
 But if farmers would break and cultivate their fields better before planting, and then begin cultivating as soon as the plants are up, but few weeds would get a start, and these so small that the cultivator would quite effectually cover up.  
 A good horse-hoe, one that can be adjusted to suit wide or narrow rows, and to turn the soil to or from the hill, may be safely run as soon as the plants are up, or even before; and it may be run through continuously, if desired, until every sprig of grass or weeds be destroyed. On many farms, however, on account of trees and stumps, this kind of cultivator cannot be used; here the hand-hoe will have to be accepted.—James I. Baird, of Kentucky, in *The Epitomist*.

**THE BUSY HEN.**  
 According to a farm paper, 40,000,000 eggs are used by the calico print works each year, photographic establishments use millions of dozens and wine clarifiers call for over 10,000,000 dozens. The demand from these sources increases faster than the table demand. They are used by bookbinders, kid glove manufacturers and for finishing fine leather. Dried eggs are being put upon the market. Fresh eggs are broken and churned by machinery, and the mixture is then evaporated to dryness. They are claimed to keep indefinitely in this form. When cooked in hot water in various ways, they are said to taste precisely like fresh eggs. It promises to become an important industry and evidently will not require an expensive plant. The little scratching hen is said to add to the wealth of the country every year in eggs as much as the output of both iron and wool—\$135,000,000.  
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 In pursuance to an act of Assembly approved March 17, 1895, and supplementary acts thereto, the Treasurer of Montgomery County will meet the taxpayers of said county at the following named times and places, for the purpose of receiving the State and county taxes for the year 1897, assessed in their respective districts, viz:  
 Township of Franconia, West district, at the public house of Samuel B. Binder, Thursday July 29, from 8 to 12.  
 Township of Franconia, East district, at the public house of Henry Barnes, Thursday July 29, from 1 to 5.  
 Borough of Souderton, at the public house of William Freed, Friday, July 30, from 9 to 3.  
 Township of Horsham, at the public house of the Hays Brothers, Monday August 2, from 10 to 2.  
 Township of Upper Dublin, at the public house of Charles C. Palmer, Tuesday August 3, from 9 to 12.  
 Borough of Ambler, at the public house of William C. Blackburn, Tuesday August 3, from 1 to 4.  
 Borough of Hahoro, at the public house of Harry Wilson, Wednesday, August 4, from 9 to 2.  
 Township of Moreland, Lower district, at the public house of Frank Shuck, Thursday, August 5, from 8 to 11.  
 Township of Moreland, Upper district, at the public house of E. Ehrenpfort, Thursday, August 5, from 1 to 4.  
 Borough of Abington, Lower district and borough of Rockledge, at the office of Sam'l Clowney, Friday, August 6, from 8 to 11.  
 Township of Abington and Welden district, at the public house of Henry Haeger, Friday, August 6, from 12 to 4.  
 Borough of Jenkintown, at the public house of J. F. Costman, Monday, August 9, from 8 1/2 to 3.  
 Township of Cheltenham, Upper and Lower East districts, at the public house of Ben. E. DuBe, Tuesday, August 10, from 8 to 12.  
 Borough of Pottsgrove, Lower, at the public house of J. W. Gaidin, Wednesday, August 11, from 9 to 12.  
 Township of Pottsgrove, Upper, at the public house of Samuel Geiger, Wednesday, August 11, from 1 1/2 to 4.  
 Borough of Rockledge, Second and Third wards, at the public house of William O'Brien, Thursday, August 12, from 8 to 4.  
 Borough of Pottsgrove, Second and Third wards, at the public house of Michael K. Schelly, Friday, August 13, from 8 1/2 to 3.  
 Borough of Pottstown, Sixth and Seventh wards, at the public house of Maurice Gilbert, Monday, August 16, from 9 to 4.  
 Borough of Pottstown, Eighth and Tenth wards, at the residence of Jacob H. Brendlinger, Tuesday, August 17, from 9 to 4.  
 Borough of Pottstown, Ninth ward, at the public house of A. K. Esch, Wednesday, August 18, from 9 to 3.  
 Borough of Pottstown, West ward, at the public house of Mrs. Elizabeth Shuler, Thursday, August 19, from 7 1/2 to 4.  
 Taxes will be received at the County Treasurer's Office from June 1 to September 15, from 8 1/2 to 12 a. m., and from 1 to 3 p. m.  
 Correspondence to receive attention must be accompanied by postage for reply, and, in all cases, location of property must be definitely given.  
 Inquiries relative to taxes, received after September 10, will not be answered.  
 Taxes not paid to the county treasurer on or before September 15, 1897, will be given into the hands of a collector, when 5 per cent. will be added for collection, as per Act of Assembly.  
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