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Cave Her Appetite and Strength-Eczema Disappearing. "My little girl was sick for several months with typhoid fever, and after she got over it she was weak and did not eat. My husband got her a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla, saying it would make her eat and give her strength-and it did. She had taken it only a short time when she was well and strong. Everyone who sees her is surprised at her improvement because she was so weak and thin, but now is fat and healthy. I am giving her Hood's Sarsaparilla now for eczema and the trouble is fast disappearing. My husband has taken it for rheumatism and it has done him good." MRS. CLINTON B. COPE, Buckingham Valley, Pennsylvania.

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LITERARY.

EDITED BY FRANCES G. MOSER.

"What is good in Music" is the title of a new book by W. J. Henderson.

Herbert Spencer, who is reported to be in very feeble health, is living at Brighton, England.

* * * has been renewed interest in the "Rubaiyat" of Omar Khayyam. Edition upon edition has been published, the latest being a fac simile of the manuscript in the Bodleian Library at Oxford. This has been issued in London with a transcript into modern Persian character, and a translation and introduction, notes and a bibliography, by Edward Heron Allen.

Over five thousand copies of 'Lyrics of Lowly Life," by the young negro poet, Paul Laurence Dunbar, it is said, have been sold. Mr. Dunbar has tried a new field since his poems were published, and in a short time there will be brought out a volume of short stories of Western life from his pen. The scenes are laid in the rural districts of Ohio, where, it is said, Mr. Dunbar was born.

> * * * THE BETH BOOK.

In influencing their daughter's choice of a husband, parents are apt to consider a man's means, manner and position rather than his principles or ideals. If he prove to be a good fellow in society they are content to inquire no further. Many men of excellent manners in public are men of most corrupt mind, whose conversation in private associate with such a man, the inevitable blight, the certain deterioration that settles upon her even when she has the force of character to escape absolute corruption. The critics have almost all missed this, the one purpose of the book, and pounced upon something quite incidental, and merely introduced by way of illustration, used as a vivisection incident, to which they attribute an exaggerated importgent woman situated as Beth was at the time of which I was writing; she could not have avoided them. and therefore no picture of her

peared.

An Albany, (N. Y.) special says : Harman Coons, of this city, although in his ninety-seventh year, is cutting his teeth like an infant of a year old, and the new teeth promise to be excellent ones. It is his fourth set of natural teeth.

THE INN AT BIRNLEY

BY CHARLES B. LEWIS.

In every city and town in the and you will find a mill, store or factory which seems to be hoodooed. makes a failure. When George Walters of the town of Birnley decided to build an inn and become a landlord, he selected what was called the best location in the and everybody wished him luck and predicted that he would do well. It was strange what a turn of luck came to the man. He had been successful in everything, but on the enterpris he fell over some timbers and broke his leg. Before had been killed. While the buildfell from a ladder and was fatally niured. The inn was opened with guests drank too heavily, a quarrel that was to come. occurred, and the postmaster of the town was stabbed to death. The eople advised Walters to get out of it. He looked upon it merely as a run of ill luck and remained until his wife died of typhoid fever. Then he sold the inn to a stranger named Grafton and moved away.

children, and he had not been in the house a month when two of the children were drowned in the river near by. Fifteen days later the tavern stables were burned to the Within the last few years there ground. The man realized that the place was hoodooed and got out of it, and it was taken by another stranger named Eldridge. This owner made a low place of it, but for six months nothing happened to create much gossip. Then Eldridge was killed in a quarrel over cards, and that was the last of the Red Rose inn as an inn. It was offered for sale at almost any price, but the story of its ill luck had gone

> it was left an unoccupied ruin. Cummings explaining that it was out.

with her at some point on the from the corners. Queerly enough, arrival of the couple or anything house. There was the scuttle in connected with them-no one but the ceiling, with the trapdoor shut me. It so happened that I was down, and I wondered that I had Yale, or perhaps any other Amerianches wide and has 376 tubes of morning, he appeared on the door-protects the millions of working able to furnish information. They never taken notice of it before. can university, has received equals 21 inches diameter, and 13 feet 103 step of his home, and seemed so women in this land? arrived at eight o'clock one evening Cummings had just remarked that in value the collection that Prof. inches long, making the total heatwhile there was a circus in town. he would like to take a look up Marsh has just presented to Yale ing surface 3,280 square feet. only the man get into the carriage. her. I was sure the woman did not depart. When I spoke to the hostler, and every one's face as pale as

deemed her last tooth 27 years ago. any details. I remembered and de- done in this house. Let no one go was pronounced by Prof. Huxley length over all is 64 feet 11 inches. sympathized with the trying ex-She is now 87, and has a new set of scribed the two people and the away. We will get a ladder and to be surpassed by no other in the natural teeth "as white and strong horses and carriage, and Cummings take a look into the garret." as a maiden's." Her hair was very had no doubt that they stopped at The constable fetched a ladder, Darwin expressed a strong desire gray when she was 85, is now black the inn. From Birnley he pro- and Cummings was first through to visit America for the purpose of and, every wrinkle has disap- ceeded on his journey west, seeking the scuttle. The garret was forty seeing the collection. Since that to pick up the trail. He got trace feet long by twenty-five wide, with time it has been more than doubled of the man a dozen times, but the the end windows broken out and in size and value. The second colwoman had not been seen. After daylight and sunshine streaming in. lection is of fossil footprints, which three or four weeks he came back | There were loose boards over the | form one of the most extensive and to Birnley with the firm belief that joists, and the garret was the roost- complete collections of the kind in the wife had been murdered there.

The first move made was to drag had made his way to the west end the collection of osteology. Fifth, this pond. The work was thoroughly of the garret, beckoned to us and the collection of American archæoldone, and, though all anticipated pointed to an object lying on the ogy and ethnology. Sixth, the colthat a skeleton would be found, laths between the two end joists. It lection of minerals. Besides the nothing of that nature was dis- was a bundle of black mold and six main collections, several others covered. There was found, how- bones—the skeleton of the missing of less value were also presented. ever, a satchel containing female woman. She had been murdered in apparel. This had been weighted the room below and carried up that these scientific collections satchel was found, Cummings felt without discovering the body. It of gift which he inclosed bears the The location is apparently all right, sure he was on the right track, and had been there so long that there date of January 1, 1898. The out whoever buys, leases or rents the rear yard of the inn was ex- was only dust and bones to be resolution of the corporation of plored. Men dug into the ground gathered up and taken down for Yale University gratefully acin fifty different spots, but after a identification and burial. The knowledged the magnificent gift The barns had never been rebuilt had been left a ring, which the and money of Prof. Marsh for more corporation. He was a man liked after the fire. Cummings hired a brother had given her as a bridal than thirty years. by all, had a fair amount of money, dozen men and had the debris re- present. There was not the shadow moved, but still the search was un- of a doubt as to who the victim successful. He had previously gone | was, and so great was the popular over the house, which was little excitement over the ghastly noises better than a ruin, but now he aud the dreadful find that one entered upon a closer investigation. hundred men turned to and pulled day he broke ground for the new The windows had been broken, the ruins apart and made a big bondoors carried away, and the leaky fire of the last board. Steps were roof had let in the storms until the taken at once to apprehend the the framework was up a workman floors were rotten. Now and then murderer, and his trail was followed half a dozen boys entered the house for many months, but to this day ing was being completed a painter and clambered about, but as a rule his crime is unpunished. it was avoided as an uncanny place. Up to this time no one had hinted housewarming. Some of the at a ghost or strange things, but

sure the husband had made away floor was sinking and cobwebs hung way. access was had to the garret above No one in Birnley recollected the | through this, the best room in the

There was a move for the stairs, far West. Mrs. Polly Emry, of Limestone | had gone, the hostler had gone and | Cummings said :

WILLOW CULTURE IN EUROPE

Europeans cultivate willow along-Mr. Cummings, a constable and side of wheat, France leads, and myself entered the old inn one eve- Germany and Holland stand high ning after supper to make a thorin willow culture. In Germany two years old. The same epidemic piston rods are hollow throughout capital." ough search. What the brother ex- there are 40,000 persons engaged in of fever made her mother a widow and extended at front end. The pected to find he did not say, but making willow baskets, and 50,000 he made up his mind that his sister | acres of land are used in growing | brothers. never left Birnley alive. My per- the willow for them. The culture sistency in declaring that she did of the willow is the simplest thing not go away with her husband and in the way of cropping. A twig the fact that the husband left at stuck into the moist ground is all such an unusual hour probably gave that is required. Nature does the Cummings the idea that she had rest. For fine basket work Salix been made away with during the amygdalina is the queen of willows, She can find things readily and although Salix purpurea and vim-On entering we mounted to the inalis are also extensively used. In second story and entered the room | France the willow grower does not the couple had occupied that night. hesitate to plant good wheat lands We were standing still and gazing in willow. In regions where lumber about when there suddenly came a is scarce baskets replace cases, sound of a woman sobbing. I boxes and trunks. In the region bolted at once, but the constable of La Tremblade and Areachon followed at my heels, and when there are large plantations of Cummings joined us below he was willows and factories for the manupale and trembling. It was a queer facture of rough baskets in which sound we had heard, and after dis- to ship their famous oysters. It is cussing it for a spell the constable in the low countries the willow is aboard, and no one would take it. went for a Mr. Hastings, who was used most. It serves for baskets It was finally put to use as a ware- a justice of the peace. Hastings of all kinds, fences, cattle racks, house, but after a fire, which de- arrived to ridicule our fears, and wagon tops, trunks, boxes, and even stroyed a portion of the structure, together the four of us went up to the signals along the river are the room. It was not yet dark out- painted willow wickerwork. From It had stood thus for a year or doors, but very gloomy up there. its wood they make their indisso, an eyesore to the town and a The justice walked about, knocking pensable sabots, or wooden shoes. wonder to all strangers, when a and rapping with his cane, and per- It serves still another purpose man named Cummings came along haps ten minutes had passed when when planted alongside their many and made certain inquiries, which we heard a noise as of slippered dikes, it holds them in place and it at once revived all the gossip. He | feet crossing the floor, followed by | constantly catches the sediment, had a sister married to a man named gurgling and sobbing. The sounds increasing the depth and fertility of Drayton. On a certain date the were so real and at the same time the soil. The beneficial effects of pair had set out from Columbus, so uncanny that the four of us made | willows along the banks of streams Ohio, to drive to a town in Illinois. for the stairs at once. When we and rivers cannot be overestimated. They had their own carriage, and had got safely down, Cummings The fertile soils washed down from that they passed through the town said the noises had been produced the farm lands, instead of flowing of Birnley was proved by the fact by the wind and wanted to go back, into the sea, are caught by the that the sister mailed him a letter but no one would go with him. It willows along the shore. In that with the postmark on it. After was agreed to keep the affair a way streams are narrowed and conthat letter nothing further was secret and inspect the house next sequently deepened. Away up in heard from her, though the husband morning, and after breakfast our the mountains in France, where, had been seen in one of the terri- number was increased to six. The owing to deforestation, the streams tories alone. I was only a boy two others were merchants of the rush with much destructiveness then, and I cannot remember all the town, and they had a hearty laugh down the steep mountain sides, details. I recollect, however, of at the way we had been driven they wind willow twigs in the shape of a hammock and throw it across is a continual source of suffering to not a happy marriage, that the At half past eight o'clock in the the stream. These twigs soon woman had a large amount of morning we gathered in that room. sprout, take hold of the soil and money with her and that he was Most of the plaster was off, the force the stream to move in a zigzag

the Rocky Mountain region of the ture of Montana.

he took no interest in the matter. death, but Cummings made a collection of vetebrate fossils. This total engine length, 26 feet 8 inches; his face, as he might have licked of the boys with that of the girls. When I asked Mr. Eldridge, the gesture which checked the retreat, is most important and valuable, as total engine and tender, 54 feet 31 his master's hand. All that day he Our women have been given to us second landlord, about it, he replied and there was a long minute of it is very extensive and contains a inches. that of course she went with her silence. Then there was heard large number of type specimens, The height of the stack from the attention. He was indefatigably our liberties can only be preserved husband, though he was stumbling what might have been called a death many of them unique and widely top of rail is 15 feet 6 inches. The polite. NEW "TEETHING" STORIES. about and half asleep, and I am rattle—a queer sound to make the known from the description already height of the centre of boiler from sure he did not see her. Eldridge flesh creep. After it had died away published. In extinct mammals, top of rail is 9 feet 6 inches, and talked to each other in their lan-

world, and as far back as 1878 ing place of scores of pigeons. For the country, if not most valuable. There was a river flowing through | two or three minutes nothing was | Third, the collection of the inverte the town and a millpond below. to be seen. Then Cummings, who brates, which is very large. Fourth,

Prof. Marsh, in his letter, says with bricks and was lying at the there, and one might have looked should eventually become the propbottom of the pond. When the into the garret a hundred times erty of Yale University. The deed long day's work it became certain murderer had stripped the body of which represents the unselfish dethat nobody had been buried there. all her clothing, but on one finger votion of the time, talents, energies

TAUGHT BY TOUCH.

A LITTLE BLIND GIRL'S WONDERFUL ABILITY TO DO MANY THINGS.

Deprived of her sight, hearing and ability to speak, little Ruby Rice is able to do many things that other children do, and she extracts much enjoyment out of life. She mother in the village of Wyatt, of cerebro-spinal meningitis, com-

As is usual with blind people, the child has a wonderful sense of touch. She also seems to have a sixth sense which enables her to know a stranger is in the house, or when any one is about to depart. moves about the premises with

Ruby can thread a needle almost as rapidly as a seamstress whose sight is good. She is fond of children and dolls, and makes her own doll clothes. She not only cuts them and stitches them together, but she sews on the buttons and makes the buttonholes. She will examine the clothing and trimmings of lady visitors, and shows a wonderful faculty of copying the style when making apparel for her family of dolls.

Ruby can also run a sewing ma chine with skill, and she delights in thus helping her mother. She can pick cotton in the field, and though she works slowly, she picks the cotton clean. She takes care of her own clothes, and quickly discovers if anyone else disarranges them or places anything in her trunk that does not belong there. She is very fond of chickens and can catch them without any trouble.-New

GIANT LOCOMOTIVES.

THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD NOW OPERATES THE BIGGEST ENGINES

cylinders of these twelve-wheeled another for the common good. monsters are twenty-one inches by

I had helped the hostler to put out there in the garret when there came University. It represents not only The boiler, dome, cylinders, steam stolen and kept a prisoner. the team and had seen the man and a wailing, gurgling, sobbing sound the untiring labors of a lifetime of chests and cylinder saddles are After he had been warmly wel- able influences now degrading our woman at supper. Just at daylight which lasted for at least fifteen a great specialist, but a large ex- lagged with asbestos, in order to comed by his human friends, the boys to the level of brutes? Is I having remained with the seconds. Every one of us had the penditure of money by Professor reduce radiation and densation to a fox terrier of the family rushed into there a woman in this audience who hostler all night after we had taken same idea about it. It sounded as Marsh, especially in the organiza- minimum, as these engines are the room, showing that he had only would not use her ballot to elevate in the circus—we were called upon if a hand had clutched a woman's tion and work of the expedition especially built to be operated in just learned of the cat's return. The her boys to the level of her girls in to bring around the team. I saw throat and choked the life out of which he led with fruitful results in the high altitude and low tempera- scene that followed was the funniest intelligence and morality? Are the

The wheel base is as follow: The collection includes, first, the Rigid and driving, 15 feet 10 inches;

The big boiler gets its heating power from a firebox containing 225 square feet, with tubes that measure in area 3,045 square feet and a grate area of 34 square feet. The enormous wheels are fitted with eight drivers 55 inches in

The diameter of truck wheels is 30 feet, the centres being cast steel The driving axle of the journal measures 9x11 inches, and of the

truck 51x12 inches. The size of main rod bearing is 61x61 inches; coupling rod bearing is 7½x5 inches; wheel fit, 7 7-8 diameter x 7 13.16 cylinders.

The diameter of the cylinders is 21 inches. The piston stroke is 34 inches, diameter of pistol rod, 41/4 inches. The main rod's length from centre to centre is 8 feet 10 inches. Length of steam ports is 18 inches and width $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches. The exhaust ports are 50 inches in length and 9 inches in width. The bridge is $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches in width.

The outsids lap of the valve is $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches clearance.

The powerful boiler has a steam working pressure of 210 pounds. The length of the firebox is 10 feet 4 inches, the width 3 feet 41 inches, the depth frost $86\frac{1}{2}$ inches and back

The number of tubes in the internal arrangements of the giant is quired a well-dressed and pros-376. Diameter of the smoke box is 81 inches.

The great tank holds 4,670 gallons of water and the tender can is ten years old, and lives with her carry ten tons of coal. The length of tender frame over bumpers is Ellis county, Texas. She owes her 21 feet 101 inches; length of tank, unfortunate condition to an attack 19 feet 6 inches; width of tank, 8 gence office or start a real estate

nearly took her life when she was type and absolutely balanced. The business doesn't require much and carried away one of her weight of each engine in working order is 172,750 pounds, weight of drivers, 172,000 pounds, weight of truck 40,750 pounds, weight of tender, loaded, 96,000 pounds. The total weight of engine and tender is 308,750 pounds.

Notwitstanding the great size of these locomotives they are strikingly symmetrical in design and their extraordinary size and power. interest by railroad men.

POLITENESS IN ANIMALS.

THEY GIVE US MANY LESSONS THAT WE

Anyone that has observed the

ways of animals, must have noticed how many even insignificant little You may think it strange that an animal can give lessons in politeness; but, after all, politeness is necessary in a community, and the animals that live and labor together, have to be considerate of one another's feelings. You cannot be sociable and selfish, both.

Have you never seen a number of

thirty-four, making the stroke the long to one family, and it is only Have they eyes and ears and brains? longest ever used in locomotive natural that they should be polite. Are they people or are they brutes? practice. The boiler is $87\frac{1}{2}$ inches Many animals are polite to others It is a crying shame—the way we largest diameter and 78 inches that are not of their species. A lit- treat our women! But gentlemen PROFESSOR MARSH'S GIFT TO smallest diameter, and working the girl friend of ours was lately say women have protectors. I deny pressure 225 pounds absolute or 210 much distressed by the loss of her it! Your wife and mine may now pounds above atmosphere. The pet cat. For several weeks nothing be well protected, but who will pro-No gift for natural science which fire box is 124 inches long, $40\frac{1}{2}$ was heard of the cat. Then, one tect them when we are gone? Who that it was supposed he had been by women, would consign the little

you can imagine. With every boys on a level with the girls now? demonstration of joy, the little dog Go into almost any family in ran to the cat, and began licking | Louisiana, and compare the morality never wearied of showing the cat from heaven, and the palladium of

birds and reptiles of North America | height of the top of the shell from | guage, which we are not clever | the safety of this Republic lies.

County, Alabama, lost what she I was the only one who could give "Gentlemen, murder has been this series stands pre-eminent. It top of rail 14 feet 3 inches. The enough to understand, and the dog perience that his poor friend had been through. We dull human beings never found out where that cat had been, or what he had suffered, but whether or not the dog understood, he was kind, and loving, and polite, to the cat, and, in a few days, pussy seemed as happy as if he had not a care in the world. All his diameter with centres of cast steel. cares were forgotten under the influence of kind treatment .- Our Animal Friends.

A TALE OF HARD LUCK.

THE TROUBLES OF A MORTAL WITH A GRUDGE AGAINST THE WORLD

"Yes," said a tall, sallow-faced, melancholy looking man, attired in a thin pair of trousers, a fall overcoat, a pair of dilapidated shoes, and a last year's derby bat. "I've never had anything but bad luck, I've worked hard all my life and only made a bare living. My health broke down years ago; most of my friends have died off or moved West. I've got literary and artistic tastes and can't gratify them. Everything I undertake to do is a failure, and I don't seem to

be of any use in this world. "Have you no friends with political influence enough to get some kind of an easy job for you?" inperous-looking man.

"I've tried that," said the miserable man, shaking his head. "Every time I get a position a political landslide comes along, and I get thrown out of the snap."

"Why didn't you open an intelli-The valves are of improved piston and heavy ulster. "That sort of

Got burnt out in the first business and a partner ran off with the profits in the other. No use."

"Ever try canvassing?" inquired another sympathetic acquaintance. "Yes; often. Had a good suit of clothes like yours ruined in that business by a vicious dog. Thrown down stairs once or twice. No use, man-I'm not in it. Last week my give the observer a full sense of pet parrot died, yesterday morning I lost a quarter, and to-day I've got an earache. That's the way it Railway will be watched with much always goes. If it isn't one trouble it's another. There's only one thing that keeps me from committing suicide and ending the whole

wretched business." "What's that ?"

"Curiosity to know what blamed misfortune is going to happen to me next."

WOMEN AND THE BALLOT.

BY HON. B. W. MARSTON, OF LOUISIANA.

I am an advocate of full suffrage for woman on an equality with man. This is no sudden or recent hobby that lead any sort of social life, with me. I have reached my conclusions after deep, thorough, and earnest investigations. In many of the States of the Union partial sufants working to move a large mor- frage has been conferred upon sel of food to their larder? It women. In Colorado, Wyoming, would be perfectly absurd for one Utah, and Idaho, the rights of a ant to try to lug away the delicacy woman are equal to those of a man, by himself, and he has sense enough | under the law. Gentlemen say they not to attempt it. Instead, he calls | would not degaade women with the as many of his friends as he can, ballot. Nor would I, but I would and they all work with a will. There raise the disgraced ballot to the is no disorderly jostling or quarrel- level of our women! Gentlemen The largest locomotives in the ing, because that would interfere say, "the hand that rocks the cradle world have just been made for the with the accomplishment of their rules the world !" I deny it! The Great Northern Railway. The purpose. They politely help one ballot rules the land; at least the law says so. Then you would out-Of course, ants, we may say, be- law our women! Have they souls?

COLLEGEVILLE, MONTGOMERY CO., PA.

E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.

Thursday, March 3, 1898

On Tuesday Hon. Henry W. Corbett was denied admission to the U. S. Senate as a Senator from Oregon, on the appointment by the Governor, by the decisive vote of 50 to 19.

THE annual report of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has been issued. Gross earnings: \$64,-213,113.13. Expenses: \$43,257,-626.59. Net earning: Nearly \$21, 000,000.

HENRY K. BOYER, ex-Speaker of the State House of Representatives, was on Monday sworn in as Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia. There is now about \$100,000,000 worth of bullion and 55,000,000 silver dollars stored in the Mint building. 72,000,000 pieces have been coined at the Mint during the past eight months.

PENNSYLVANIA is still in the lead in the manufacture of all forms of iron, and in the line of steel ingots produces more than all the rest of the country combined. The total output of Bessemer steel ingots last year was 5,475,315 gross tons, of which Pennsylvania furnished 3,-060,049, Ohio 1,041,541 and the rest of the country 1,373,725 tons.

get out into the world for a week or caster city. two. A tour among the farmers of the upper end of Montgomery county might do him a heap of good, even | From our Regular Correspondent. though he has 'em bad!

IT is estimated that more than forty million dollars worth of public lands have been sold for cash during the last ten years. It would not seem, therefore, that the public lands worth accepting as a gift are land grants in which the conditions have not been fulfilled, for the time will surely come when the people of the nation will have need for all arable public land now unoccupied.

WILLIAM M. SINGERLY, publisher of the Philadelphia Record, died suddenly of heart disease in that city Sunday morning, aged about 60 years. Those who knew him best never had occasion to question his innate integrity, his honesty of purpose, nor his ability. His recent financial reverses doubtless had much to do in hastening the end of an eventful life. Those qualified to know believe that his estate will ultimately pay every dollar of his indebtedness.

From Dun's Review, February 26: Foreign possibilities have much affected speculation, and caused hesitation in some large business operations, possibly accounting in part for a check in the rapid advance of wheat, but industrial production continues larger than ever, a few more works being added to the active list, with a decrease in the number of hands on strike, and renewed evidence that the volume of business is larger than in February of any previous year.

THE Court of Inquiry, investigating the cause of the disaster to the Maine battleship has not completed its labors and has not issued a report. Therefore, there is no evidence at hand to warrant any statements whatsoever being made as to the cause of the calamity. However, a number of sensational newspapers continue to print fake stories and excite the populace. But these miserable sheets are beginning to be estimated according to their deserts by the thinking

hut it is believed to have gone by long ago, and intervention must Norristown has last one of its most useful and progressive citizens by the death of Irwin H. Brend- the administration policy of deallinger. In addition to a thorough ing with Cuban matters, but Senabusiness man, Mr. Brendlinger was tor Allen has been insisting upon an honorable and public spirited taking a hand. He renewed his man, such a one as any town or effort to put an amendment recogneighborhood might justly and nizing the belligerency of the highly esteem. His sagacity in di- Cubans on the Diplomatic and Conrecting the extensive business enter- sular appropriation bill, and sprung prise which was built up under his a new scheme by offering a resolupersonal supervision, was more than tion for an investigation of the equal to that of many whose pre- whole Cuban question by a select tensions have been more con- committee of five Senators, but the The Moser Heirs Bring Action of spicuous. His success in life never turned his head from the line of adage that, "too many cooks spoil affability, of courtesy, of kindly the broth." feeling for all who deserved considerate treatment. Irwin Brendlinger was a man among men, and the loss Norristown has sustained will be felt for many a day.

\$600, or about one-tenth of the most of this produce was raised by those almost unskilled in agriculture. Assuredly the plan which scale this year.

A COLORED preacher of Lancaster is under bail on the charge of accepting an election bribe, and he has been formally expelled from the Lancaster Ministerial Association. He contracted with the friends of the Republican candidate for Mayor to deliver some thirty votes of his congregation for that candidate. Here is an object lesson in relation to "money in politics." The preacher is reaping what he has sown; he is also reaping what the boodlers in practical politics-not under arrest as is the preacher—have sown. Where are the tempters? Presumably, they are still perambulating about Lancaster without fear of receiving what is to be meted out to the parson. They feel themselves to be "on the safe side of Jordan" so far as the law goes, and so far as the previous religious efforts of the preacher are concerned, the way to reach heaven and the way to escape hell he erstwhile pointed out, will give them but little concern. If THE editor of the National De- those who tempted the parson to fender observes: "Beauty is all fall from grace and violate the right in its place, but generally it statutes were under bail to appear doesn't avail much in dishing up a at court there would be much more table." Let's see: This editor was eternal fitness exhibited in the not present at the recent banquet matter of meting out punishment at Harleysville. No. He should to boodlers in politics up in Lan- of two additional regiments of artil-

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 25, excitement in Washington than nually asked for by the Secretary of there was a week ago. This is War, because they have been needed largely because nearly everybody to man the new batteries established has settled down into the belief at various points for protection to that war is almost inevitable with our harbors, but the request had exhausted. It is in place to observe | Spain, no matter what may be the | been annually ignored, although it | exhausted. It is in place to observe here that Congress should insist here that Congress should be considered in the Con that the Maine was blown up by a men to work them. torpedo or mine, war would be precipitated almost immediately; but even if that report should show conclusively that the Maine was wrecked by an accidental explosion in her own interior, the probability of an early war would not be re-

> the preparations being made by this government are not to be mis-The yellow journal guesses that are daily being made as to the progress of the investigation now being made of the wreck of the Maine, in Havana harbor, receive no serious attention in Washington, where the impossibility of getting such information in advance of the report of the court is fully known, but constant inquiries received show

that they are deluding many else-

entire navy in Cuban waters, and

If the Maine had not been wrecked at all there would be still grave danger of a war with Spain. It will be remembered that President McKinley in his annual message to Congress notified Spain in plain words of his intention to interfere to bring about peace in Cuba, if the conditions then existing were not soon bettered. Well. reports of United States Consuls in Cuba sent to the State Department. which have been asked for by both branches of Congress and which are now being held back by the President for a time, show that the conditions in Cuba have steadily grown worse, instead of better, which means that the time for the President to keep his word is now at hand. There may have been a time when this government could have peaceably intervened in Cuba,

now be accompanied with force. Congress as a body is backing Senate showed its belief in the

A WISE experiment was tried last be built and put into commission filed shows that this land was pur- bidding against herself all the time. year in utilizing a portion of vacant land in a single section of Philadel- without debate or a division is a from James and Catharine McCorkle, the woman near me for \$5."

without debate or a division is a from James and Catharine McCorkle, the woman near me for \$5." land in a single section of Philadel- without debate or a division, is a for \$510. It contains some valuable She had run the baker up on herphia, for the benefit of those bit of buncombe, pure and simple. coal deposits and is worth over self, but she will know more the partially out of employment. The To build such a vessel in twelve \$1,000,000.

result shows that ninety-six-quarter | months is a possibility, but to do so acre farms produced an average of would probably double the six or with potatoes and other vegetables. cost. In case the present somewhat be again heard from.

> garded as the strongest presentation of reasons why this country should refuse to change its policy in regard to the annexation of territory separated from it by thousands of miles yet presented. Mr. Johnson said that his reasons for making the speech was that he believed the treaty, now before the Senate, would fail, and that the Senate would adopt a joint resolution providing for annexation and send it over to the House. Mr. Johnson made it very clear that he was a peace man, when he said : "Let us not be known and execrated as the boistering bullies of the western hemisphere. Our country is all powerful. The world concedes our strength. While I am proud of our navy, I sometimes think that the powerful battleships we have built have bred a feeling of intolerance and insolence. It is not more true that a plethoric treasury breeds public plunder than that a well equipped friction and war. Let our equipment insure peace rather than pro-

While the passage by the Senate with only four dissenting votes-Bate, Clay, Chilton, and Vest-of the bill authorizing the enlistment lery in the army was not caused by any new demand brought about by the probability of trouble with Spain, there is little doubt that the existing critical condition of affairs made the Senate act so promptly. 1898.—There is much less outward | These men have been needed, an-

> The Situation Correctly and Clearly Presented.

From the Philadelphia Times In the bewildering floodtide of sensational and false rumors of war given by utterly reckless journals, it would be well for all considerate moved. This fact is fully recognized citizens to give sober reflection to by Spain, which is concentrating its the following facts:

2. That the public have had from the administration each day friend named William Bache. When all information on the subject that the station was reached the train the government has received. Every | was about to start, and the men had important item of information that to run. Mr. B. reached the cars in has been received by the Navy Mr. Caldwell had fallen. He ran Department from Havana has been back and found him unconscious. properly furnished to the public A physician was sent for, but in a through the press.

3. That until the Board of Inquiry shall have made known its judgment, neither the President nor the public will have any knowledge of the character of the report that

4. That the report of the Board of Inquiry will certainly not be con- plated baking dish. cluded for several days and not be furnished to the Secretary of the scan it carefully. There isn't a Navy for a week or more.

5. That navals boards are governed by laws which make them en- gross from the manufacturer they tirely independent even of the ap- would cost \$8 each; bid spry, pointing power, as to the communi- now." cation of any information received before final judgment is reached. 6. That all newspaper dispatches

assuming to give information as to says a half? Thank you. Do I hear evidence presented to the Board of Inquiry, or as to the views of any member of the board relating to the destruction of the Maine, are tioneer. "I can't let it go at that. either wholly false inventions or Make it three and a half." reckless assumptions without any substantial basis of truth whatever. subdued way, "Three and a half." 7. That the government is exhaustively preparing for war, not to stand here asking for bids on a because war is expected, but as the piece of ware like this. Give a bid

between the nations. 8. That if Spain has given this The timid woman felt in deep government any just cause for war, sympathy for the poor auctioneer. or shall hereafter give it just cause for war, it will be promptly accepted by bidding \$4. and the dignity and honor of the nation heroically maintained

Ejectment at Pottsville. POTTSVILLE, February 26 .- A suit in ejectment was entered at court Senator Morgan's resolution in- here yesterday afternoon, on behalf bid 44 50. structing the Senate committee on of some 280 heirs of Burkhart Moser Naval Affairs to ascertain and re- against the Lehigh Coal & Naviga- it \$5 and we're done. Do I hear port whether a man-of-war equal to tion Company for the possession of five dollars?" any war ship in the world, to be 4161 acres of ground in Rush town- He did, and the bid was from the named the George Washington, can ship, this county. The statement timid woman, who was generously

LANCASTER, Pa., February 28 .-\$62 each, the land being planted seven million dollars that it would For some time past people on the February 12 states M. Bouchard The total return of the experiment | strained relations with Spain should | near have been excited over the ap- | the heart by means of the Roentgen was \$5,955, from a money outlay of lead to war, the Morgan resolution pearance of a wild man on the rays. It is a rhythmic dilatation \$1,825, nearly half of which went would probably be made the basis mountain. He would come down during respiration and is not confor the superintendent and office ex- of a bill authorizing such a warship into the valley during the day, nected with the ordinary movements penses, the outlay for plowing, tools, to be built, although the necessity frightening women and children, of the heart. "It appears to arise," seeds and fertilizers being less than would not be apparent, as such a but he was never known to do any says The Sun, "from a diminution war could hardly last more than harm. On Sunday evening Henry of pressure in the interior of the value of the produce raised. And ninety days; otherwise, it will not Lafferty and Constable Rutt fol- thoracic cage during inspiration." lowed the man to the mountain and Representative H. U. Johnson, of found him lying near the "Money Indiana, sprung a little surprise on Rock" on the top of the mountain. comprehends the utilization of the House while the Sundry Civil There he had a bed made of leaves vacant lots in Philadelphia is an Appropriation bill was under dis- and rags, and he is supposed to excellent one, and it should by all cussion, by getting the floor and have been sleeping there for a long means be applied on a much larger | delivering a speech against the an- time. How he obtained food or nexation of Hawaii, which is re- was able to keep from freezing no one knows. He was brought to Asylum. The man appeared to be about 50 years of age. His hair and beard are long and unkempt but himself, and refuses to sav anvthing but "Yah." He is undoubtedly a German. When found he was almost starved. English Spoken and Written.

At the recent Postal Congress attention was called to the fact that two-thirds of all the letters which pass through the post offices of the world are written by and sent to people who speak English. There are substantially 500,000,000 persons of the ten or twelve chief modern languages, and of these about 25 per cent., or 125,000,000 persons speak English. About 90,000,000 speak Russian, 75,000,000 German, 55,000,000 French, 45,000,000 Spanarmy and navy rashly leads to ish, 35,000,000 Italian, and 12,000, Bohemian, Gaelic, Roumania, Swedish, Finnish, Danish and Norwegian. those who employ the facilities of the postal departments of civilized lish language. This situation arises among those who do not language. more than 20,000 post offices in Kilmer & Co., Binghampton, N. Y. The India, the business of which in proprietor of this paper guarantees the letters and papers aggregates more genuineness of this offer. than 300,000,000 parcels a year, and the business of these office is done Naval court of inquiry that is in beavy guns which cost thousands of 300,000,000, fewer than 300,000 vestigating the wreck of the Maine. dollars to establish could not be persons either speak or understand Of course, if that report should be utilized in case of need for lack of English. Though 90,000,000 speak or understand Russian, the business of the Russian post department is to SARAH E relatively small, the number of letters sent throughout the Czar's F. G. Hobson, Attorney. empire amounting to less than onetenth the number mailed in Great Britain alone, though the population of Great Britain is considerably

less than one-half of the population of Russia in Europe.

Run Himself to Death. PHILADELPHIA, February 28 .-1. That neither the government James O. Caldwell, said to have at Washington, nor the newspaper been a wealthy iron master of Fortypress, nor any other individuals, fort, Luzerne county, Pa., died sudhave knowledge of the testimony denly yesterday while running for a taken before the Board of Inquiry | train at the Baltimore and Ohio railnow investigating the cause of the road station. He arrived at the disaster to the war vessel Maine, Reading Terminal from Wilkesoutside of the members of the board | brrre, and had 25 minutes to get a train for Washington, where he purposed visiting his two sons. Mr. Caldwell was accompanied by a few minutes Mr. Caldwell was dead. He was 55 years old.

This May Be True.

There's nothing like a woman at an auction, excepting another woman. This was most strikingly verified a day or two ago.

The auctioneer put up a silver-"Now, look at that, ladies. Just jeweler in this town that ever sold a duplicate of it for less than \$12, and if you were to buy them by the

"Two dollars," said a meek woman, who was new in the business. You could tell that by her timidity. "Two dollars. Two I'm bid. Who three? There it is."

It was the timid woman who bid the three. "Three I'm bid," said the auc-

And the timid woman said, in her "Three and a half. It's a shame surest method of preserving peace of \$4. I can't sleep to-night if I sell this lessen than \$5."

> and she showed it in a practical way "Four dollars I hear. Four dollars for this magnificent silver baker. If you don't want it you can leave it. It's worth a ten dollar bill any

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where. Four dollars. Make it

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A cablegram from Paris dated Welsh Mountain and in the country has discovered a new movement of

How It Was Settled.

Apropos of meteorites, the following amusing story is told by Sir Robert Ball respecting one of the celestial visitors. A meteorite which fell on a farm in America was claimed by the ground landlord. Lancaster this morning by Constable as his lease reserved all minerals Rutt and placed in the Insane and metals. The tenant objected on the score that the article was not on the property when the lease and his clothing is in rags. He is was executed. The landlord then very crazy and cannot tell anything claimed it as flying game, but the lessee pleaded that the thing had neither feathers nor wings, and claimed it as ground game. But while the dispute was going on the customs officers seized the meteorite, on the ground that the revenue had been defrauded by its introduction into the country without payment of duty.

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as speaking colloquially one or another such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The cond way is from careless local treatment

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much 000 Portuguese, and the balance is not liable to weakness or disease, except Hungarian, Dutch, Polish, Flemish, in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is Thus, while only one-quarter of often, by mistake, attributed to female avoided. To find out correctly, set your governments speak their native urine aside for twenty-four hours; a seditongue English, two-thirds of those ment or settling indicates kidney or bladder who correspond do so in the Eng- trouble. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy, is soon realized. from the fact that so large a share If you need a medicine you should have the of the commercial business of the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dolworld is done in English, even lar. You may have sample bottle and pamphlar. You may have sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail, upon receipt of I. H. Brendlinger, three two-cent stamps to cover eost of postspeak English as their native age on the bottle. Mention the Providence There are, for instance, INDEPENDENT and send your address to Dr. Leading dealer in Dry Goods, Carpets, Trim-

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-That considerable of a certain kind of popularity is really based upon the ability to appear to accept undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge. graciously

-That which really makes "blood boil."

chagrin behind a sort of a smiling exterior, are usually the ones who

-Can, without much extra effort, apparently acquiesce in any statement, however false, absurd, or ridiculous, which happens to be presented to them.

-They can agree, for the time being, with anybody and everybody, if thus to do

wise to somebody else.

-Human experience has evolved numerous characteristics. Observe human nature and you notice them.

-After all it is not a matter of surprise that some folks try awfully hard to be popular -When so many other folks in

the swim are being borne smoothly along with the tide.

-It is currently reported that the Theological Department of Ursinus College is to be removed to Philadelphia for the purpose of in John G. Gotwals' barn, one day affording students in theology enlarged opportunities.

-Mr. Loux, of this end of the is gradually recovering. borough, is having his shoe store raised and placed on a new foun-

-A building has been leased at Pottstown and will be used as a machines will be used and 30 hands vicinity of Eagleville, when his Elwood Roberts; Recording Secreemployed at the start.

from death, Charles Zehender, aged escape from the driver. The young Samuel F. Jarrett, Mary K. Cresstrain at the Zoological Garden, damaged. Philadelphia.

-A Boston beggar who makes an average of \$12 per day at his trade has just been exposed by the

sighed. "But I've something better far-"

cried.

- Chicago News. -The Rev. H. E. Jones, Field Secretary of Ursinus, filled the pulpit of Trinity church, this bor-

ough, Sunday evening last.

tobacco shortage.

complication of diseases. -Grand Supper, under the auspices of the M. E. church, in Kohn's hall, Evansburg, Saturday afternoon and

evening, March 12. -For the first time in three years the large stove manufacturing plant of Floyd, Wells & Co., of Royersford, began operation, Mon- Sara Gennaria. Readings-Lizzie

day morning, on five days per week. Detwiler, Hettie Gotwals, John -Miss Gertrude Neely, of Adams county, has just been relieved of a Horton. Instrumental Solo-Kath-

-Clerk of Courts, Wm. P. Young, chief, Oscar W. Hunsicker. All inof Pottstown, has passed prelimin- vited. ary examination for admittance to

the bar. -Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas fell dead from heart disease in her pew at the Congregational church of

Shamokin, Pa., during service Sun-

amount to about \$400. discovered in paying quantities at cover.

Leithsville, Northampton county. -The fire loss of the United States and Canada for the year 1897, as compiled by the New York

total of \$110,319,650. Pa., aged 65 years, was seriously Patriotic Sons of America, located injured Sunday night by being run in the second story of a building in South. Most of the time will be trustee of Franklin and Marshall down by a wheelmen, George that village. He went upstairs on spent in Florida, where she has College. broken, and she received severe in- to his usual duties. Failing to re-

-Miller's powder mills, near Green Lane, are now running on double turn, filling urgent orders. Similar activity is displayed among the mills north of the Blue mountains. The powder is shipped as rapidly as made. The mills have not been so busy in several years.

Philadelphia Markets.

Winter bran, \$16 00@16.50; flour, \$2.80; \$3.00 to \$5.65; rye flour, \$2.80; wheat, \$1.02\frac{1}{4}\$ to \$1.02\frac{1}{2}\$; corn, \$3\frac{5}{8}\$c.; sheep, \$3\frac{1}{4}\$@5\frac{1}{8}\$c.; sheep, \$3\frac{1}{4}\$@6\frac{1}{8}\$c.; hogs, western, \$5\frac{1}{4}\$@6\frac{1}{8}\$c.; sheep, \$3\frac{1}{4}\$@6\frac{1}{8}\$c.; sheep, \$3\frac{1}{4}\$@6\frac{1}{8}\$c.; sheep, \$3\frac{1}{4}\$@6\frac{1}{8}\$c.; sheep, \$3\frac{1}{4}\$@6\frac{1}{8}\$c.; hogs, western, \$5\frac{1}{4}\$@6\frac{1}{8}\$c.; hogs, western, \$5\frac{1}{4}\$@6\frac{1}{4}\$c.; hogs, western, \$5\frac{1}{4}\$@6\frac{1}{4}\$c.; hogs, western, \$5\frac{1}{4}\$@6\frac{1}{4}\$c.; Winter bran, \$16 00(a)16.50; flour, (2)6 $\frac{3}{8}$ c.; hogs, western, $5\frac{3}{4}(2)$ 6c. known.

Field Secretary at Work.

Rev. H. E. Jones, Field Secretary, is canvassing Trinity church eran church of Schwenksville

than eight grooms, on matrimonial business bent, procured marriage

licenses.

Carpet-Rag Party. to sew carpet rags, discuss the have resolved to place the case behave a pleasant time.

Death.

Mrs. Harriet S. A. Smith died of oneumonia at her residence in Phila- Providence, has a rooster that is delphia, Monday morning, aged 44 equipped with four well developed

Y. W. C. T. U.

The Y. W. C. T. U., of Yerkes, will hold a meeting at the residence -Those who can best hide their of Mrs. D. S. Raudenbush, Upper Providence, on Monday evening March 7. A good representation of members is requested and friends of Edward Latshaw, clerk at Hartare cordially invited.

Damages for a Fractured Leg.

The administrators of Louisa A. Wagner, recently of Quakertown, who had her leg fractured in alighting from a train at that place, on March 8, 1895, was on Monday -Is more agreeable than other-ise to somebody else. awarded \$915 damages against the receivers of the Philadelphia and Reading Company.

> Death of Mrs. Zieber. Mrs. H. H. Zieber, wife of the West Point, died on Tuesday, February 22, after a lingering illness. Benjamin Kriebel, survive her. The funeral was held last Monday.

Injured by a Fall.

Wm. B. Logan, Sr., the wellknown blacksmith of Yerkes, had the misfortune to fall from a mow last week, and to sustain the fracture of two ribs and injury to his spine. We are glad to hear that he

A Carriage Wrecked.

-While trying to save his dog right-about in the road, but did not Jones; Trustees, Jonas Detwiler, owing to his advanced ideas in edu-48 years, was struck and killed by a man's carriage was considerably man, W. W. Potts and S. Gordon

From Limerick.

The concert given by the Eureka Concert Company in Kline's ball last Saturday evening was a complete success in every particular. "I have no store of wealth," he The hall was packed, and many persons were turned away. Everybody was highly pleased with the the sidewalk for the purpose of "Well, keep it for yourself," she entertainment given by our boys. gazing into windows to see who They will give a similar concert in may or may not be within doors, "And stop right where you are !" Eagle hall, Ironbridge, next Satur. or what might be going on. Such day evening, March 5. Admission, conduct is very bad manners and 10 cents.

The Ladies' Aid Society.

The next monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the church -Lancaster county expects to of this borough, on this coming reap a rich harvest from the Cuban | Monday evening, March 7, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Paist. The usual interesting -George W. Wainwright, aged literary and musical program may 73 years, residing at 826 West be expected, in addition to routine Marshall street, Norristown, died on business and general sociability. Monday evening at 10 o'clock of a Members and friends of the Society cordially invited to be present.

Crescent Literary Society. Next meeting of the Crescent school house, near Yerkes, on Saturday evening, March 5. Pro-Amy Ashenfelter, Harry Detwiler, Ashenfelter. Vocal Solo - Mary constant roaring in her ear by the ryn Raudenbush. Question for deremoval of a pin. How it got there bate—Resolved, That foot ball is brutal and unmanly. Affirmative chief, Eva R. Horton; negative

A Narrow Escape.

Robert Morrow, of Philadelphia, had a narrow escape from accidental drowning Sunday afternoon. While B. F. Paist, of Lonsomhurst, Pa., on a visit to his grandson, John were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gilder, of Bridgeport, he took a. L. Paist, of this borough, Sunday. -The Hospital Fair at Phænix- seized by an attack of vertigo, and ville netted \$5124.17 toward a new fell into the canal. William Mcvicinity, heard the splash and made The net receipts of the recent a heroic effort at life-saving, landing bration of the 60th birthday anni- ordained to the ministry in 1855, Colonial Supper in Norristown his man on the bank. Mr. Morrow, who is 80 years old, is prostrated -- Copper is reported to have been by shock, and is unlikely to re-

Died Suddenly.

Patrick Conway, a well-known resident of Valley Forge, died very suddenly on Saturday at that place. Journal of Commerce, shows a Mr. Conway, who is seventy years of age, was employed as janitor at Two of her ribs were Saturday morning as usual to attend hosts of friends. turn at the accustomed time, Mrs. Conway went to the hall and was horrified to find bim dead Deceased leaves a widow and a family of grown-up children.

Died at the Almshouse.

Michael Delp, of Hatfield, died | constitutional disease, requires a constituat the Montgomery almshouse last tional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is Thursday, aged 73 years. In his taken internally, acting directly upon the earlier days he followed the carpen- blood and mucous surfaces of the system,

A Conundrum Tea.

The young ladies of the Luth-

Will Ask for a Pardon for the Conshohocken Policeman.

After failing to secure a new trial for Officer John Greer, of Conshohocken, the policeman who was Last Thursday afternoon a num- convicted of shooting William ber of the ladies of this borough Gallagher at the last term of court, met at Mrs. M. Zimmerman's home his attorneys Holland and Dettra, weather and other subjects, and to fore the Board of Pardons, and it will be heard on March 16.

A Numerously Legged Rooster.

Samuel Poley, of near Port to as an omen of war with Spain by the Republican of Phoenixville. The

Surprise Party. About fifty of the young friends man's store, Fairview Village, ten-

A Young Man Shot. Saturday morning. Howard came A., widow of the late Rev. J. injury is not regarded as serious.

Historical Society Officials.

At the recent annual meeting of the Montgomery County Historical Society the following officers were elected for this year: President, John Gouldy, a young man of Joseph Fornance; Vice-Presidents, Worcester, was driving up south Rev. Thomas R. Beeber, Hon. H. Skippack hill on his way to fill a W. Kratz, and Rev. A. A. Marple; Sunday evening engagement, in the Treasurer, W. H. Reed; Librarian, horse frightened at a moving trolley tary, Miss Frances Fox; Correcar. The animal plunged and turned sponding Secretary, Mrs. A. Conrad a Mennonite preacher in 1847 but Smythe. The Society is in a flourishing condition.

Improper Conduct.

A lady residing in the lower section of this borough has reason to say "that certain young men who doubtless presume to be gentlemen should not be guilty of stopping on will invite, if continued, such action as may cause the persons alluded to much regret. Peeping into houses is very small business, and those who engage in it will sooner or later be dealt with as they deserve."

A Decided Success. The concert given by the Ursinus College Glee and Mandolin Clubs on Saturday evening, in Bomberger Memorial Hall, was very largely attended and was a decided success in every way. Prof. J. L. Barnard, musical director of the glee club, deserves credit for the showing the boys made that evening, and Mr. C. Literary Society in Mennonite G. Petri, as leader of the mandolin club, proved himself efficient. Mr. Petri is a first-class guitarist, and gram : Recitations-Abram Reiner, plays with great evenness and smoothness of touch. The quartette music of the glee was very much appreciated, and the selection "Romeo and Juliet," by the whole house."

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Sarah Cresinger, of Fifth avenue, this borough, is seriously ill. Misses Florence and Emma Paist, of Cornwells, Bucks county; B. F. Paist, of Phila.; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Weaver, of Seeley, N. J., and

ter, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moser, and daughters, of Port Kennedy, visited

the scribe and his family, Sunday. David Bowers, of Fairview Vil-

\$100 REWARD, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's

DEATH OF GRANDMOTHER



Hunsicker, who looked upon the world and shared in the activities years. The funeral will be held this legs and feet, a rooster that is natur- of life for almost a century, a scope (Thursday) at St. James' Episcopal ally attracting considerable attendof time alloted to the existence of their regular monthly meeting at but few individuals, has departed.

Philadelphia Inquirer should come passed away peacefully Friday the past month were \$343.97; expendiin possession of the rooster at once. 25th ult., at Collegeville, Pa., in her tures, \$51.13. Steward Alderfer 100th year. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Shoe- at last report, 175 males, 35 females, maker) Alderfer, born in Salford total 210; admitted since last retownship, Montgomery county, Pa., port, 10 males, 1 female; children dered him a surprise at the home of November 16th, 1798, and was marhis parents, this borough, Saturday ried May 30th, 1816. She resided evening. Those who had charge of almost 82 years within quarter of a house, 181 males, 36 females, total the pleasant affair saw to it that mile from the farm where her five 217; tramps assisted, 13; hours Edward was at home, and not at his sons and five daughters were born. worked none; meals provided, 24; post of duty, when the party sur- Of her ten children seven survive rounded him. The young folks met their mother—three sons, Henry A. at Mrs. M. Zimmerman's home be- Hunsicker, of Coopersburg, Pa., in fore proceeding to Edward's home. his 73d year; Elias A., in his 64th year and Horace M., 55 years old. both of Philadelphia; and four Philip Sands, a colored youth, re- daughters: Esther, widow of the siding on Haws avenue, Norris- late Gideon Fetterolf, Collegeville, 50 cows, I bull, 7 fat hogs and 60 town, shot a young man named in her 77th year; Elizabeth, wife of proprietor of Zieber's park near Harry Howard, who lives near Elm Rev. F. R. S. Hunsicker, of Carversstreet and Stony Creek railroad, ville, Pa, in her 67th year; Mary A husband and one daughter, Mrs. out of the barn on his parents' prop- Preston, Collegeville, in her 62d erty when Sands, who had a shot year, and Catharine, wife of Rev. J. gun and was walking along the rail- H. Hendricks, Collegeville, in her road, asked him to give him a leave. 57th year. The three children who Howard answered yes in iun. Sands | died before their mother were Benjapulled the trigger and a number of min A., Collegeville, who died in shot penetrated Howard's face. His 1855 in his 36th year; Abraham, of face is badly swollen, though the Collegeville, died 1890 in his 61st year, and Ann, widow of John B. Landis, Gratersford, Pa., died in December last, in her 81st year.

was the founder of Freeland Seminary-now Ursinus College, and joint founder with Dr. Sunderland of Pennsylvania Female College, and founder of Trinity Christian Church (now Reformed) of Collegeville and Skippack, died January 12, 1872, aged 79 years. Rev. Abraham Hunsicker was ordained more conservative elements of his denomination, and favoring higher standards both in school and church became an active leader in reform movements, resulting in the improved condition of the community in which he lived, labored, and died,

Trinity Reformed church and ceme- extended to all to attend these tery. Undertaker J. L. Bechtel services. will have charge of the remains.

club, literally "brought down the REV. DR. C. Z. WEISER DEAD.

ISTERS IN THE STATE. at his residence at East Greenville, near Boyertown. Dr. Weiser was the great-grandson of Conrad walk along the canal, and was Mrs. A. Hartranft, of Philadel- county. He was born at Selins- church: Preaching next Sunday phia; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Todd, of grove, and was graduated from afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Sunday Norristown; Mr. and Mrs. John D. Marshall College at Mercersburg in School at 1.30 p. m. All are Anamy, who was fishing in the Saylor and Mr. and Mrs. C. Keller, 1850 and from the seminary there cordially invited to attend. Rev. J. of Trappe, were present at the cele- two years later. Dr. Weiser was Max Longsdorf, pastor. versary of B. F. Saylor, of Lancas and his first pastoral charge was at in active service for thirty years 10 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Luther and he frequently preached three Leaguo at 6.30 p. m.; Joseph Shuler four counties and his members re- All welcome. lage, informs the scribe that he in- sided in Montgomery, Bucks, Le-Tyson's farm, near Oaks, this year. literary man of considerable ability Mrs. J. Randallson Challen, Jr., and wrote a great deal for German -Mrs. Mary Haas, of Cedarville, the Hall of Valley Forge Camp, daughter of A. A. Landis, left Mon- church papers and was the author

> The new Mennonite Brethren in Christ Temple, in Royersford, was dedicated on Sunday, with impressive ceremony. Rev. W. Gehman, and the monthly Christian Endeavor Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known Sr., of Vera Cruz, Pa., preached in to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a the morning, after a children's service. Rev. L. B. Taylor, of Graters-

Speedy Horses to be Sold.

The executors of the estate of the late Andrew M. Moore, the millionmaintained with moneys advanced by the deceased, it has been directly controlled by his son, Albert H. Moore. This establishment, it is said, represents an investment of more than \$1,000,000, nearly all of the noted horses in the Cloverdell stud having been purchased when the boom in trotters was at its height. Director, 2.17, who with Our borough has lost its oldest Red Wilkes, is at the head of the inhabitant, its most interesting stud, was sold to Moore by Monroe

The Home of the Poor.

The Directors of the Poor held the Almshouse Thursday. Orders Mrs. Elizabeth Hunsicker, widow amounting to \$3,045.94 were presented the following report: Number of inmates in Almshouse born, 1 male; inmates died, 1 male; discharged since last report, 4 males; number of inmates in Almslodging furnished, 11; number of quarts of milk during month, 110; number of pounds of butter, 1145 made, sold 972, consumed 173; dozens of eggs, 88 gathered, 46 sold the farm is as follows: 10 horses. shoats.

DEATH OF I. H. BRENDLINGER

Irwin H. Brendlinger, the leading dry goods merchant of Norristown, died of pneumonia, Wednesday of last week. Mr. Brendlinger went town, in 1861, the firm, Brendlinger owned by Joseph C. Brower. & Yost, at the south corner of De-Kalb and Main streets, continuing until 1869. When the partnership | Paul's Memorial. was dissolved Mr. Brendlinger bought out Neiman Brothers, enlarging the store, and, in 1876, the present site of the extensive business. He enlarged his estabfor many years the largest store in and anxiety of mind. Norristown. Mr. Brendlinger served Fourth ward, a number of years the tool house and signal tower, ago, taking an active interest in and they present an attractive apcation and religion soon outgrew bis connection with the slower and borough affairs. A Democrat in borough affairs. A Democrat in pearance. The work was done by politics, he was by no means a partisan. He was a director in the Albertson Safe Deposit Company. Prior to the absorption by the and he took a prominent part in the family. work of local development generally. His first wife was Andora, daughter of Sheriff Philip S. Gerhard. She died on January 17, 1873. On September 1, 1875, he married Sallie H. Lukens, daughter of the late Benjamin Lukens, of Plymouth, who survives him. Mr. Brendlinger was born April 1st, 1837. Before going

College, Collegeville.

to Norristown in 1861, he attended

Freeland Seminary, now Ursinus

RELIGIOUS. nates will attest to her charities and Evansburg, every Sunday at 10.30 and an arsenel may be established broad benevolence toward them. a. m., Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also there. A gun of Battery C, Phœ-Her life was truly one of unselfish a service at Royersford at 3 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, rector.

Tomlinson, pastor. Sunday school and understands his business. If good of others and proving con- at 9.45 a. m. Preaching, Sunday, war is declared, Geistburg will have spicuously the truth of the Divine at 10.45 a.m. and 8 p. m. Epworth a boom, if it is only a Spanish doctrine that it "is more blessed to League service Sunday evening at boom, in repairing cannon. 7.30 o'clock. Prayer and class The funeral will be held to-day meeting on Thursday evening at (Thursday) at 10 a. m. Services at | 7.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is

> Ironbridge: Preaching next Sabbath evening at 7.45. Sabbath School at 2 o'clock p. m.; Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. All are invited to every meeting. Strangers wel- around on Saturday last. He had

Morning prayer and sermon Ash Wednesday, February 23d, at St. Paul's Memorial near Oaks at 10.45. Evening prayer and sermon on the the place. Wednesdays following through Lent at 7.30. Good Friday at 10.45 a. m. A cordial welcome extended to

all. Benjamin J. Douglass, rector. Trappe United Evangelical

Augustus Lutheran Church,

tends to play the role of farmer on high and Berks counties. He was a Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. prayer-meeting close of business yesterday, amountday for a six weeks tour in the of several books. He served as on Sunday evening at 6.30 o'clock. ed to \$1,010,104,216, a decrease for Congregational prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Catechetical class at 2 p. m., and Junior C. E. prayer-meeting at 3 p. m., on Saturday. All are cordially invited to attend the services. Trinity church: Wednesday eve-

ning, prayer service, 7.30 o'clock, business meeting, at 8½ o'clock, p. m. Sunday: Sunday School, at 9 o'clock, a. m., preaching at 10 a. m.; ford, preached in the afternoon. the Junior C. E. prayer service, at 2 are offset by an equal amount of The dedication occurred in the even-p. m., the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer cash in the Treasury. earlier days he followed the carpenter trade. He had been an inmate ter trade. He had been an inmate disease, and giving the patient strength by hydrog up the constitution and assisting the followed the carpenter through the constitution and assisting the followed the carpenter through the constitution and assisting the followed the carpenter through the constitution and assisting through the constitution and the constitution and the constitution and the constitution and the consti

A Financial Failure at Royers-

with 350,000 cigars. His real estate holdings represent considerable property in Royersford. The judg-Bank of Norristown amount to sons of P. A. Dick, of Wertzville, \$8,100.

FROM OAKS.

gear. War clouds obscure the glowing golden boom in the Klonfigure in point of extraordinary Salisbury in 1892 for the reported dike. War fought in the columns of the daily papers. War, grim visaged war, the subject with about every one. Less blow, more fight. We do not hear of anyone organizing a company of dragoons, infantry or batterymen. For ourself we of the late Rev. Abraham Hunsicker, granted. The receipts during the subscribe a few million or so to- ing resulted from the disease in the the preacher.

An entertainment was given in the chapel at Shannonville on Saturday night, which was well attended. The admittance, which was only ten cents, brought a large crowd, and a snug little sum was county, while in Ohio, swallowed a and 42 consumed. The stock upon realized. The proceeds are to be needle. Recently he has been sufinvested in an organ for the chapel. fering excruciating pains in his

Tyson, which died of a complication | were of the opinion that he was of diseases, was buried on Satur- afflicted with cancer of the liver,

John U. Francis, Jr., has traded a lot on the east side of Brower's into the dry goods business with a lot on the east side of Brower's Colonel Daniel M. Yost, of Norris- lane for one on the west side, land

> The roads are drying off very fast by the high winds that have pre- From the Atlanta Journal. vailed for the last few days.

Painters have been touching up

contract. Our neighbor Shull was besieged with visitors from a distance on man as you mean by trying to ride Norristown Gas Company, he was | Sunday. Mrs. Carr and Irwin with | a wild young mule like that?' president of the Norristown Electheir children, Miss Ida Hill of asked the doctor.

dwelling will be erected on Strawberry Hill shortly. With a cigar manufactory, two stores, a printing office, and a machine shop, why we are gradually moving forward towards that prosperous boom, which was to be inaugurated if we voted

Your correspondent will have to change his location if he wants to keep posted in the war news which is floating through the ambient air. Episcopal service at St. James', Already Geistburg is floating ahead nixville, was brought over there to be repaired, which goes to prove prehension of the person or persons guilty Evansburg M. E. church, Rev. J.S. Mr. Geist is a first-class mechanic

> Aaron Overdorf moved to his lot back of Spring City, Thursday last. It is reported Joseph Griffin will take up his residence in Phila.

> and feed business here at Oaks the First of April.

Frank Rees will give up the coal

quite a serious sickness. Charley Taylor has the grip. Yoder and Carlin, from near Bridgeport, have rented the Shearer

James Harvey is on the sick list. Has a very bad cold. David Harvey said he suffered

parents in Chester county. The scholars of the St. Paul's Memorial Sunday School will gather in any pennies as an Easter offering to be given to Mission work.

The Public Debt.

WASHINGTON, March 1. - The monthly Treasury statement of the public debt shows that the debt, less cash in the Treasury at the debt is recapitulated as follows:

fied as follows: Gold, \$204,063,971;

While little Scott Carrier was

Twins Buried in One Coffin.

CARLISLE, March 1 .- The funeral near this city, who died together last Friday of a maglignant type of measles, took place yesterday from the Old Stone Church on the State road. About a thousand people viewed the bodies as they lay side by side in one coffin, a scene never before witnessed in this county. There were 405 carriages in the funeral cortege.

Epidemic of Meningitis.

FRANKLIN, Feb. 26. - The epidemic of spinal meningitis which has been prevalent in this comcounty during the past week. The L. H. Ingram, auct. princes eat in the morning," says that a consultation of the leading physicians of the county will be held on Monday.

A Needle in His Body.

READING, March 1 .- Sixteen years ago Daniel Fegely, of Lyons, Berks The young child of Sylvanus back and left side, and the doctors leaving, however, he once more carefully examined his side and something sharp pricked his fingers. Instead of a doctor, he went to a watchmaker, and the latter to-day extracted with a small pair of pin-During Lent, services will be held | cers the needle swallowed sixteen

A Serious Mistake.

Deacon Jackson was a very pious, The news of the sudden death of but very determined old colored lishment several times by the pur- Mr. Singerly was a shock to his citizen, of Owl Creek Valley. He chase of adjoining property on many friends here in our com- had a young mule which his boys Main and DeKalb streets, it being munity; the result of trouble, worry were unable to ride, and their failure to break the animal so exasperated ride it himself. He was, however, no sooner located on its back than be sooner located on its back than he was thrown into an adjoining lot, where he was picked up with A. M. Bergey, auct. J. R. Weikel, clerk. both legs broken and his neck badly

sprained. "What on earth did such an old

There is a probability a store and | nuthin' widout fust consultin' ov orter ride dat mule what my triflin' no ercount boys couldn't ride, an' de Lawd, he sed yessah, jes' ez phaeton, cart, sled, springtooth and hoe harrows, Hench riding cultivator, 2 cornshellers, one new; Gem seed sower, set "Well, but he seems to have given "No, doctor, His judgment was

> from a circular saw up to de elephant, but dis time I think de Lawd was jes' mistooken in de mule.

> of administering poison to several dogs in Evansburg. Information will be received at THIS OFFICE. WANTED.

> ness. Apply to E. G. BROWNBACK, Trappe, Pa. TOR RENT. A farm of 41 acres near Providence Square. Apply to MARGARET HALLMAN,

A young man to learn the store busi-

FOR RENT. A part of a dwelling house-7 rooms basement. Apply to MRS. SARAH FENSTERMACHER, Collegeville, Pa.

FOR RENT. A new wheelwright shop; first-class cash business stand for the right man. Apfarm and have already moved on ply at once to JONATHAN E. DAVIS, Blacksmith, Collegeville, Pa.

> POR RENT.
> A desirable FARM of 101½ Acres, 2½ miles from Royersford and 1½ miles from Trappe. Terms moderate to a good tenant.
> S. B. LATSHAW, Real Estate and Insurance Agent, Royersford, Pa. TOOR RENT. Farm of 101 Acres situated in Lower

Providence township 1½ miles south of Collegeville and I mile north of Eagleville, on the Ridge Avenue turnpike. Apply by letter to Milton C. Rambo, 2006 N. 21st St., Philadelphia, or call on

E. M. CLEAVER, Whose place adjoins.

Notice is h Notice is hereby given that an appli-cation will be made to the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery county on the 12th day of March, 1898, for a charter for an intended corporation, to be known as the Fairview Village Beneficial Association of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, the character and object of which shall be to accumulate a 3mr. fund from which benefits may be paid to infirm, sick or disabled members, and to the families of deceased members. The certifi-cate of incorporation is now on file in the .17-3t. JOSEPH FORNANCE, Solicitor.

FIRE TAX NOTICE. The members of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery County are hereby notified that a contribution was levied on February 5, 1898, of One Dollar on each One Thousand Dollars of Ordinary Risks, and the rates fixed on Preferred and Hazardous Risks, for which each member of Isaid Company is insured, and that J. Evans Isett, Treasurer of said Company, will at-tend at his office, East Corner of Main and Cherry Streets, in the Borough of Norristown, to receive said assessments from date.

Extract of Charter, Section 6th.—"Any member failing to pay his or her assessment or tax within 40 days after the above publication shall forfeit and pay for such neglect double such rates."

ments will be made to the coffectors or to the Secretary at his office in Collegeville.

Extract from Charter: "And if any member of the Company shall refuse or neglect to pay his or her assessment within 40 days after the publication of the same, 20 per cent. of the assessment will be added thereto, and if payment, he delayed for 50 days

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D. L. SWARTZ.

DUBLIC SALE OF

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FRESH COWS! We will sell at private sale, on and after FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, at the farm of Prof. J. K. Harley, near

PUBLIC SALE OF

Personal Property!

fodder cutter, grain fan, hay, corn and oats by the bushel, harness of all kinds, and

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Personal Property! Will be sold at public sale, on FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1898, at Dewees' Corner, in the MARCH 4, 1898, at Dewees' Corner, in the Borough of Trappe, the following personal property: Jump-seat family carriage, with new wheels; road cart, good as new; good set of carriage harness, 2 blindhalters, riding bridle, saddle, 2 sets heavy harness, iron kettle, wood saw, garden hoes, lawn and other rakes. Household Goods: Cupboard, meal chest, settee and cushion, lounge, sewing machine, Cyclone washing machine, good as new; wringer, 2 bed springs, half-dozen Windsor chairs, 2 rustie vases, lawn mower, marbletop table, 2 other tables, wal-Harmonville, Plymouth, Pa. mower, marbletop table, 2 other tables, walnut dining table, rocking ehairs, other chairs, 2 stands, bureau, lamps, hanging lamp, looking glasses, bedsteads, chests, ice cooler, ice cream freezer, cook, 2 parlor and Little Gem stoves, cherry seeder, 3 vinegar barrels, butter churn, 40 yards of matting, 20 yards of ingrain carpet, and many other articles that will be hunted up by day of sale. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock, when

DUBLIC SALE OF Personal Property!

MARCH 15, 1898, at my residence near Gar-wood school house, Upper Providence, the following personal property: Horse, 9 years old, sound and right and safe for old, sound and right and safe for lady to drive; 2-seated carriage, phaeton, spindle wagon, wheelbarrow have atter pulley hay and straw, ladders, forks, rakes, shovels chickens, chicken boxes, iron kettle, wash ing machine, barrels. Household Goods: 3 tables, chairs, cupboard, dishes, carpet, rocking chairs, bureau, map, cradle; organ, one year in use; coach, screen doors and windows, sewing machine for tailor and light work; other articles not mentioned. Sale at 1 o'clock. Conditions by

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gomery County are hereby tax was levied on January 8,

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congregation of Skippackville, this will give a Conundrum Tea in aire distiller, have decided to sell at TERMS: \$1.25 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE. week, in the interests of Ursinus Bean's Hall to-morrow (Friday) eveauction the widely known "Clover- Royersford, is in the hands of the caught in a shaft, and before the ning. The event promises to be a dell Farm" and all the horses there- Sheriff. The claims of creditors machinery could be stopped by the Thursday, March 3, 1898 very interesting one. Music will on, about 195 in number. The farm will exceed \$30,000. The Apollo frantic parent the child was a mass Matrimonial Business Booming. be furnished by an Italian harpist and violinist. Admission free. All is situated at Colmar, on the Doyles- cigar factory, of which Mr. Saylor of broken bones and bruised flesh. town branch of the North Penn was proprietor, is said to be stocked Within two hours after the court HOME AND ABROAD. invited. house at Norristown opened Wedroad, just above Lansdale. Though nesday morning of last week no less

human longevity. Grandmother price of \$75,000.

Rev. Abraham Hunsicker, who

honored and respected, as one who gave up his life and substance for the good of others. The descendants of grandmother Hunsicker besides her ten children are forty-five grandchildren, 81 great-grandchildren and 14 greatgreat-grandchildren. She died in the full possession of vigorous mental faculties, her mind going out in eager activity to know the news of the day, and which she remembered and conversed about. Her love was strong and her sympathies active for the poor and suffering around her; and many unfortulabor, filled up with active duties and responsibilities conscentiously discharged. She was pre-eminently self-sacrificing, laboring for the

give than to receive.'

HE WAS ONE OF THE BEST KNOWN MIN-Rev. Dr. C. Z. Weiser, aged 67 years, one of the best known German Reformed ministers in the State, died at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon Weiser, who took a most important part in the early history of Berks Selinsgrove and vicinity. He was Trappe. Services next Sunday at times a Sunday. His last charge leader. The pastor Rev. W. O. was situated at the conjunction of Fegley will conduct the services.

Dedication of a New Mennonite Temple.

ford. The real estate and personal prop- playing around his father's grist erty of A. R. Saylor, postmaster, mill, at Summerville, Clearfield and a prominent business man of county, Pa., Friday, his clothes ment claims of the Peoples National of Andrew and Walter Dick, twin

Stormy days down yere. Regular chip war. Getting our hand in to knock the chip off the Spanish head have not made an effort to interview any of our monied men | munity for the past two weeks conwhether they would be willing to tinues unabated, eleven deaths havwards a war, for the reason they are sager than Sage, and will await the latest victim was Howard Myers, stroke of the tocsin, or the peal of aged 23 years, son of Councilman the Slogan. There is a sense of un. N. B. Myers, and a leading young easiness felt since the chaplain business man, whose death occurred dropped his razor overboard; but after an illness of six hours' durwe are not the least rattled, and ation. At least two dozen people saw wood and pick chips the same in the county are suffering from the as ever. "Woe to thee, O land, disease, and the alarm at the condiwhen thy king is a child and thy tion of affairs has become so great

day last at Limerick. Master John and Mr. Fegely finally decided to Radcliff, Dolph Keyser, Peter go to Philadelphia and have an McBride and John Henry acted as operation performed. Just before pall-bearers.

every Wednesday evening at St. years ago.

two terms in Council from the the buildings at the Pennsy station,

tric Light and Power Company, Norristown, visited Mr. Shull's "Waal, suh," said Deacon Jack-

right in the days that are past and | you bad advice."

John B. Dettra was out and

more with cold on Saturday than he did for many years. Rev. Jay Francis preached at Royersford on Sunday. Willie Higginbotham has been spending some time with his grand-

the month of \$1,597,122. This decrease is accounted for by a correspouding increase in the cash. The Interest-bearing debt, \$847,366,-680; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1,327,670; debt bearing no interest, \$386,974,-069; total, \$1,255,668,418. This amount, however, does not include \$585,252,933 in certificates and Treasury notes outstanding, which The cash in the Treasury is classi-

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FRESH COWS!

FRESH COWS!

STOCK BULLS! SHOATS! Will be sold at public sale, on SATUR-DAY, MARCH 5, 1898, at Beckman's hotel, DAY, MARCH 5, 1898, at Beckman's lock, Trappe, 20 fresh cows and close springers, This is a lot of choice cows.

Also five stock bulls, 35 fine shoats and some nice brood sows. Sale at 1 o'clock. Conditions by

N. SEANOR. W. M. Pierson, auct. M. B. Linderman, cl'k.

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sums of \$20 and upwards. ANDREW J. SAYLOR.

a wild young mule like that?"
asked the doctor.

"Waal, suh," said Deacon Jackson, "I never does undertake to do nuthin' widout fust consultin' ov de Lawd, an' seein' what he dun thunk erbout it. I axed him ef I orter ride dat mule what my triflin' beds: 1 thimble skein wagons, with peds: 1 thimble skein wagons, market beds; 1 thimble skein wagon, market wagon, pole and shatts, platform springs, shellers, one new; Gem seed sower, set heavy stage and cart harness, hames, 2 pair double lines, single lines, check rein, shaft carrier, headhalters, plank stone bed, single and double trees, breast and cow chains, post spade, forks, rakes, &c. Measures, baskets, scythe, 6 carrier pigeons, butter box, 150 feet net wire, grain bags, milk bucket, can, churn, and a lot of other articles. Corn by the bushel; cornfodder by the bundle; five acres of wheat in the ground. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock. Conditions will be måde known by BENJAMIN H. FAMOUS. E. Raser, auct. S. Howard Yocum, clerk. all right, fer de Lawd knows dis ole nigger never seed de day when he was afeered to straddle anything

DUBLIC SALE OF

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dirt two-year-old roots, placing the

The really extravagant farmer is

roots two feet apart, as they will STRAWBERRIES IN GARDENS thicken in the rows in years to come. Cover the roots with two or Early in the spring is when the three inches of dirt, and after the new strawberry beds should be made, and those who contemplate the surface fill the trench with having them cannot prepare the equal parts of well rotted manure ground too soon. It is a fact that and rich earth. The object of using but few farmers, comparatively, so much manure is that it will be know how to grow strawberries. It difficult to apply it deep after the was for a long time believed that it was difficult and laborious to grow may be used on the surface every them, when, in fact, there is no year. Mound the rows every year, crop grown in a garden that can be so that the plants will not be grown produced so easily, or which gives on a level, but in a long hill. Soapsuch valuable results in proportion to costs. They can be had on every paragus and celery, and when putfarm and abundantly. Growers ting in the manure and earth suds who make their land produce maxshould be used freely. Make a imum crops have secured 10,000 drain by the side of the row and let quarts per acre, but 5,000 quarts all suds flow down the drain. may be considered an excellent The use of charcoal for pigs is yield. To give some idea of how many quarts may be grown on a general, and it proves beneficial, small garden patch of 25 by 100 but to derive the best results from feet, which is less than one-sixteenth its use the charcoal should be freely of an acre, 300 quarts on such a burned. It is an indigestible subspace is at the rate of about 5000 stance, its virtue being believed to quarts per acre. Considering also be due to its capacity for absorbing that the quality of the berries will gases, which power is lost to a cerbe superior to any that can be pur- tain extent when the charcoal has chased in market (as they will be been exposed to the air for a time. fully ripe and not injured by trans. If the old charcoal is heated in a portation), they will be worth at hot fire for a few minutes, however, least 10 cents per quart, or \$30 for | it will be restored to its original

acre, there is no reason why 500 on the market, but to the farmer quarts should not be picked the first there should be no such thing in bearing season. The strawberry his vocabulary as "poor seed." No bed, if kept clean and free from seed is worth more than so much grass and weeds, should continue to dirt if it is not strictly good and produce crops for three successive true to variety. The use of poor seed, which fails to germinate, and Plow or spade the ground as which compels the farmer to redeep as possible, and then spread | plant, may cause the loss of weeks over the surface manure to the in the spring, making his crop late. depth of two or three inches, work- And this is not all, for he also loses ing it well into the soil, but before the advantage of the early rains and working the ground apply also, for his yield will thereby be reduced. an acre, a mixture of 100 pounds With certain crops there is also a nitrate of soda, 100 pounds bone loss in quality and prices. The meal and 150 pounds muriate of seed used is everything on a farm. potash. Let it be done the first After extolling the merits of cotwarm day; be sure and work the tonseed meal for years leading agrimanure and fertilizer well into the culturists are taking the stand that it is an unsafe food, as it varies greatly according to the conditions of the growth of the plant and the moved from the bolls. Cottonseed meal is the product of ground seed that has been subject to pressure in order to remove the oil, the seed it-

the crop of a small patch 25 by 100 | fresh condition.

more berries can be grown propor- the one who saves in buying seeds. tionately on a small plot than on an There may be a difference in seeds

feet-smaller than a city lot. As

soil, and make the soil as fine as possible. Then leave it until April, when the ground should be worked over again. For a small patch the labor will not be costly, and, as the first preparation is the most important, the work should be well done. After the plants are set out very little work will be entailed on the farmer. As there are new and better varieties introduced every year, get from some reliable nurseryman two kinds-staminate and pistillate (male and female) plants, as the selection of varieties depends on whether the soil is heavy or light. If for a garden make the rows three feet apart, placing the plants one foot apart in the row. Every fourth row should consist of the staminate variety and the others is a hardy plant an early crop may of the pistillate kind. A patch 25 | be seeded at the same time that by 100 feet would require about oats are sown. Successive crops of 900 plants. Use only young plants rape may be seeded every three -runners from last spring's growth | weeks thereafter until August, as it

cover the crowns of the plants.

bed will be thickly matted. It will

be an advantage then to cut the

stem which connect the runners

with the parent plants. Should

weeds or grass appear in the matted

rows pull them out by hand. If

the matted rows are a foot wide it

will leave but a small space between

the rows to cultivate. If water can

be applied on a small patch during

a dry spell it will be beneficial.

Along in the fall, just as winter ap-

proaches, cover the rows with fine

manure, and over the manure use a

light mulch of salt hay or straw.

Early in the spring rake the bed

over, so as to remove the mulch and

rake the manure fine, leaving the

mulch between the rows, and after the plants are well up use straw or

salt hay under them, so as to have

the berries clean. These details are

not as laborious as they seem for

a small plot, and if choice varieties

are used the experiment will be

very satisfactory. The instructions

apply to larger areas also if heavy

FARM NOTES.

yields of choice fruit are desired.

Rape is excellent green food for sheep, poultry and cattle, and as it -which may be known by their grows very rapidly. Small patches roots being nearly white, those of of rape, if cut and fed to stock in old plants being dark. Set them in the barnyard, will provide an enorstraight rows, pressing the earth mous amount of green food. The well around the roots, using water, Essex, a dwarf variety, is said to be if necessary, being careful not to the best by those who have experimented largely with rape. Sheep After the plants begin to grow are very partial to it and it prouse the hoe and work between the vides for them a cheap food. plants well. A hand-wheel hoe may

picked before the seed can fully

ripen. There is no unanimity re-

garding the merits of cottonseed

meal, however, on the part of those

interested in its discussion, and the

experiment stations will now have

plenty of work to do in investi-

That labor on farms is scarce at be used between the rows, and it certain seasons is true, but the farm will work very close to the plants does not offer an opportunity for without injuring them. If the employment to those who live in plants are "checked" in the rows- the cities. Farmers really have no and Ready Paint, -a cheap durable paint that is, placed in lines both length- difficulty in securing all the help wise and crosswise—the ordinary desired, such as it is, but the intellihoe need not be used, as the wheel gent, experienced farm laborer, who hoe will enable one to do the work | knows what to do and how to do it, of several men with hoes. In that is not always found when wanted. manner a small patch can be hoed If a farmer is compelled to point in 15 minutes or even in less time. out to his assistant everything that Do not wait for grass and weeds to is to be done, it will be easier to do appear, but keep the soil loose. the work himself than to have the During the summer each plant will anxiety of preventing mistakes by throw out runners, and soon the another.

An open winter is the time to plow. It gives advance time for doing the spring work and it brings to the surface many insects which remain below the soil but which are easily destroyed when exposed to the frost out of the ground. It matters not how wet the ground may be when plowed in winter, as the freezing of the soil, when a cold spell comes, will pulverize it and reduce all lumps and clods.

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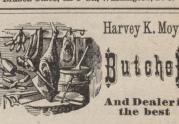
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