

# The Democratic Watchman

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## The Rail Road Bill.

On Friday of last week was rushed through the Legislature at break-neck speed, the most important financial bill, perhaps, that has passed that body since the one repealing the tonnage tax became a law. It was a bill entitled "an act to facilitate and secure the construction of an additional railway connection, between the waters of the Susquehanna, and the great lakes, by extending the and and credit of certain corporations to the Jersey Shore, Pine Creek and Buffalo Rail way Company."

It takes from the sinking fund in the State Treasury nine millions, five hundred thousand dollars of Pennsylvania Rail Road bonds, and bonds secured by that corporation and disposes of them to different routes as follows, to the

Jersey Shore, Pine Creek & Buffalo	6,000,000
Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston	1,500,000
Cleaveland and Buffalo	1,000,000
Erie & Allegheny	400,000

In lieu of the bonds taken from the sinking fund it returns to it, mortgage bonds on the Jersey Shore, Pine Creek and Buffalo road.

As to the propriety of the act, there are many conflicting opinions, of course. Most of the influential newspapers, endorse it on the ground that improvements of the kind, are beneficial to the public at large, increases our wealth, stimulates business, and in an indirect manner returns to the State, double the amount it advances to them. It is all very nice to talk about developing the resources of the Commonwealth of giving outlets to the inexhaustible coal fields, and millions of acres of timber lands, throughout the Northern and Southern sections of the State, of opening up new fields of labor, and mines where untold wealth lies dormant and hidden; of increasing the public revenues, by increased trade, and lessening the burdens of taxation by rendering valuable lands now comparatively valueless; but this does not cover the entire question. Could the State aid every enterprise that is calculated to develop her immense resources, could it give assistance to every project that is intended to enhance the price of real estate in any section, could it help all the improvements generally called public, but in reality only private enterprises, then this argument would hold good, and every little rail road, every canal, in fact every corporation in the State, and could come to the public treasury for its "divy," on the ground, that it was a public improvement, designed to increase the value of some kind of property within the boundaries of the Commonwealth.

We hold that the State has no right to give to one and refuse the other—to help the people of one section to get their products into market, and let the people of another get theirs there themselves.

We, of Centre county, have paid taxes into the State Treasury longer, and perhaps more of them, than any county through which these proposed routes are to run. And yet for our rail road—needed as badly as any road in the State is needed—the Lewistown, Centre and Spruce Creek—the State has no aid whatever to give. Now, why should we be left to build our own roads, and get to market as best we can with our products—and the citizens of counties lying north and west of us, be aided by the State in getting theirs out? Will some of the boys also find in their approbation of this measure tell us? We know that there was an effort made to secure a little assistance for our road,—the result shows that that effort was a failure, and it will not do for them to say that it was not asked for. If it was right to aid either of the routes that received aid, and it is right to refuse aid to the one, the honest, industrious, over-axed farmers of Penns and Brush valley in this county, are trying to build? We leave these questions for those who passed, and those who approved of the bill to answer.

"MISCELLANEOUS."—In the report of the special auditors, published elsewhere in to-days WATCHMAN, of the Borough Poor Account, for the past two years, it will be noticed that after giving the entire expenses of keeping each pauper, and also the amount paid out to aid others in needy circumstances, there is charged up in

1867 Miscellaneous Account	448.00
1868 " " " " " "	305.00
Total	753.00

Now we would like to know who this

Mr. or Mrs. "Miscellaneous" is? Other paupers we notice, costs the borough from \$160, to \$225 per year, but it seems that "Miscellaneous" is a favorite, with the officials, and lives to the extent of \$422.25 per year. How is this? Why is this? "Miscellaneous" any better than any of the other unfortunate persons, who are compelled to ask aid of their fellow beings; that he or she should receive double the amount given to the rest of them? Who knows, or who can tell at what high priced house, "Miscellaneous" is boarded? Can the Auditors? Can the Overseer? We would like to know.

## Peace Versus The Sword.

In Congress, the only matter transpiring of any real interest to the lovers of republican simplicity, is the effort to reduce the army. In this effort all men of all parties, having a shadow of love for the future of a country which is their's and by them should be protected from entire overthrow, have shown some unanimity and determination.

It is ascertained by reference to the army statistics that, at the present status of this arm of the public service, there is one officer for every ten men. The loyal party which has done such wonders for the "Salvation" of the best Government on earth, it seems has not overlooked its pecuniary interests in loyalty. The Republican party has seen to it, that while our "noble" army has been well recruited from the bill of creation—whites and niggers—it has secured all the offices, and now that loyalty is a dead duck, there being nothing more to steal, and the "army" of dead beats, are about to be thrown out of employ as commanders of niggers, et genus hom. such as it is, are exceedingly excited over the matter. Hence hundreds of blue coated vagabonds, dead beats under salary, crowd the lobby of the National Legislature and storm over their fate. But their chances of retaining securities is poor indeed, for they, being poor causes, are unable to buy favor for their cause.

But how as they may, we are delighted to learn that Congress will turn these leeches, these commandless commanders, out of command. One officer to ten men is slapping the leech on to the public back a little too lively, and a white nigger is no less a white nigger for being able to see it.

"Rally 'round the flag, boys," it will pay you better than rallying around a Congress lobby, if you haven't money enough to buy the "gratitude" of a loyal Congressman, to the extent of voting to keep you into your fat places. Now that "this cruel war is over," you gallop soap-stick dead beats ought to expect to pay for a continuance of favors.

You needn't tell them that you've "come home to dye" your carryoty whisky with greenbacks, but, if you would each of you have ten niggers apiece, armed and uniformed at public expense, as your commands, offer to pay for the privilege, and may be Congress will recede.

Congressmen are looking about for new enterprises from which to line their fat pockets. There are no more Union Pacific Railroads to feed upon, and they must clear away the rubbish for the next anticipated speculation which may turn up.

And so, for the moment, not from good hearts, clear minds, and patriotic impulses, but for some personal gain, Congress—the present infamous Black Republican league of prepared rascals is doing a good thing.

Let it be done.

## Not the Only One.

The following structure from a friend at Kutztown, could be very well applied to a great many other church papers, beside the one referred to. It is not the only one whose chief characteristics are "malignity, stupidity and fanaticism." There is scarcely one in the North, that professes the later-day christianity, but can be placed in the same catalogue. Their chief hold, like the Messenger, is mongrel fanaticism, and devil-inspired malignity towards all who will not vote as they think they should:

Mr. Editor The *Nonpartisan Messenger* in, to describe it truthfully, a mixture of malignity, stupidity and fanaticism in its every department, (except the advertising) it causes one no little pain as well as surprise to learn of so many democratic households who are supplied with news politics and religion from this hypocritical and mongrel source. I have no fault to find with these democrats for getting their church paper on account of demagogical intelligence, but it does appear to be the height of folly for persons to profess democratic principles when the sole news paper they give their children to read is sure to turn their brilliant minds into the channel of abolition, bigotry and dissimulation.

Will not such parents consider that by setting the example of implicit reliance upon everything they find in such false and hateful sheets as this contemptible "Messenger," they will cause their sons to imbibe the hateful doctrines therein contained as facts of history, science or economy? Take an example.

Not long ago, in conversing with a young friend, who, one year ago was a staunch democrat, I was surprised to learn that he held strange views on Southern society and Catholicism as well as Ethnology. After questioning him some, I soon ascertained that to form his opinions he had left his *Nonpartisan Messenger*, which were formerly his guides, and had gone to the diabolical and bigoted "Messenger," "Galaxy," "Lippincott" and "Harper's" publications for data to support his conclusions. Appeal to history, then, in vain! That young man votes the paper ticket! Beware of the "Messenger!"

## Journalistic.

We are in receipt of a new paper from Ohio, called the *Crestline Advocate*—A. Billow, editor. We presume this Billow will inundate the neighborhood of Crestline with whole waves of information.

The Fulton Republican has passed into the control of HOWARD B. JEFFERIS, esq., formerly editor of the Mount Union News.

The *Daily Topic* is the title of a live Radical paper just started in Harrisburg. JOHN T. GIBBS, formerly private Secretary of Gov. GEARY, is editor and proprietor. The *Topic* is hand some, printed, and as well and fairly edited as a Radical paper can be. Bringing its politics, we wish it success. It is a good deal abler and decenter paper than the *Telegraph*.

The *Monroe City Appeal*, Monroe county, Missouri, has found its way to our Sanctum. M. W. DAY and J. A. FLEMING are the editors.

The Sullivan county *Free Press* made its appearance in our sanctum last week. A nice looking little journal, published at Laporte.

The *Valley Spirit*, at Chambersburg, pitches into *The Age* for abusing the people of the border counties, who asked the Legislature to recompense them for damages caused them by Lee's invasion. Forty subscribers at Chambersburg have discontinued *The Age* on account of its abuse.

## Late Publications.

GODLEY'S LADY'S BOOK—Edited by Mrs. SARAH J. HALE and L. A. GODLEY. Louis A. Godley, Publisher, Philadelphia. Price \$1.00 per year.

We are happy to announce the receipt of the April number of magnificent "Godley." This Magazine is now in the fortieth year of its existence, and has become an indispensable necessity among the ladies. The April number opens with a most beautiful engraving, "Spring time." It is useless to speak of its contents in a literary point of view, for everybody knows they are all ways up to the best standard. No household is complete without the Lady's Book.

THE LADY'S FRIEND for April has put in an appearance. As usual it is a delightful book, and finds immense favor with the ladies. We always welcome it gladly.

THE EDUCATIONAL GAZETTE is a first class Family Journal, devoted to pure, high-toned literature. Its aim is to furnish in a popular and attractive style the latest results in scientific, educational and literary labors, and in these respects its present success is well deserved.

The March number contains valuable articles by such writers as Prof. John S. Hart, Ethna Burrill, etc., good stories, inculcating the best lessons, and much special matter in regard to National Education in our land not before published.

C. H. Turner & Co., 607 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, are the publishers, and they deserve thanks for the excellent reading they have provided for the home circle. Send for a specimen copy, and while you are writing the letter send the amount of your subscription, which is only One Dollar, for you will be sure to do so after seeing it.

THE BRIGHT STAR.—The March number of this popular children's paper, just received, presents an unusual variety of contents. There are over twenty different articles, all original, and some of quite superior merit. Its success has been very remarkable, 25,000 circulation being already secured; the publishers say they intend to make it 100,000 by the time it is one year old, which will be next July. They offer to send the four numbers for March, April, May and June, free to all who subscribe before July first. Terms 50 cents a year. Specimen copy free. JOHN B. ALDEN & Co., Publishers, Chicago, Ill.

THE OLD GUARD for April is upon our table. This is a veteran in the ranks of the Democracy, and is one of the most readable publications of the day. The present number is a most excellent one.

"What did the Israelites do after they crossed the Red Sea?" asked a superintendent of a Sunday School. "They dried themselves," said a shrill-voiced little girl.

## Our Modern Thersites.

Were it not for the fact that History places it beyond any doubt whatever, that HOMER wrote his Iliad over two thousand years ago, we would almost be led to believe that the Grecian poet had been about Washington lately, and taken as his model for THERSITES, the blue-eyed beast from Massachusetts. Could anything come nearer describing BUTLER truthfully, than HOMER has done in the following:—

"Thersites only clamored in the throng,  
Loquacious, loud, and turbulent of tongue;  
As if by no shame, in respect controlled,  
In scandal busy, in reproach bold,  
With witty malice studious to defame,  
To hurt all his joy, and riches all his aim,  
That chief the glory of a licentious style,  
To lash the good, and to extol the evil.  
His figure such as might his soul proclaim,  
One eye was blinking, and one leg was lame;  
His mountain shoulders half his breast exposed,  
Thin hairs beset his long mis-shapen head,  
Spoken to mankind his evasive heart possess'd,  
And much he hated all, but most the best."

The following, from the *Sunday Mercury*, in reference to the impolite habit of not answering letters, ought to meet with general approbation:

"That the receipt of a communication imposes upon the recipient the obligation of an early answer, is not generally understood in this polite world of ours. Most certainly our forefathers were most punctilious in this respect. They acknowledged—and that too without necessity delay the receipt of the most trivial missive from high or low, rich or poor, and even now-a-days, among ladies and gentlemen of the old school, any breach of this act of common courtesy would insure well merited censure. Have we then so retrograded in respect for one another, that it is considered no longer necessary to answer queries because they happen to be written instead of verbal communications? What would be thought—even in this degenerate age of chivalry—of the man or woman who would turn a deaf ear to our inquiries, or otherwise treat us with indifference? Such conduct would be considered boorish, but not one whit more so, than for one of either sex to receive a communication requiring an answer, and then to deliberately pigeon-hole it, cast it aside, or consign it to the tender mercies of the flames. We have been led to these remarks by the too common and decidedly ill-bred practice of not answering letters, or at least acknowledging their receipt within a reasonable space of time.

## Appointments, Central Penn'a Conference, M. E. Church.

We are indebted to the Rev. JAMES MILLER of this place for the following list of appointments, by the Central Penn'a Conference of the M. E. Church, held at Lewistown during last week.

WILLIAMSPORT DISTRICT.—J. CURRY, Presiding Elder.  
Williamsport, Pine street, W. Hardin, Williamsport, Mulberry street, W. S. Edwards; Williamsport, Price Chapel, J. F. Ockerman; Williamsport, Third street, J. B. Pologrov; Williamsport, Newberry, S. C. Swallow; Williamsport, C. rent, To be applied; Dubois and Ricketown, J. F. Davis, Montoursville, J. A. Gere; Hughesville, E. M. Chilcutt; Tully, I. L. Chandler; Muncy, J. B. Cuddy; Watsontown, F. Geachert; W. S. Comp; Milton, W. A. Hoop, D. C. John, Sij; Lewisburg, S. Creighton; Millburg, J. Guss, Salladasburg, G. Leidy, J. P. Bobb; Liberty Valley, L. G. Heck; Jersey Shore, J. A. Mehe; Jamestown, J. B. Moore; Great Island, A. E. Taylor; Lock Haven, J. W. Langley, S. A. Jones, M. P. Crosthwaite, Heiner, R. H. Colburn, Renova, A. M. Kester, Westport, J. Y. Rothrock, Sup. Leidy, E. White; Sunnyside, L. S. Crowe, W. V. Ganoe; Emporium, M. L. Drum; Caledonia, E. B. Hoover; W. L. Spottswood, President. H. A. Curran, Professor Williamsport Dickinson Seminary—members of Mulberry Street Quarterly Conference.

DAVENVILLE DISTRICT.—S. BARNES, Presiding Elder.  
Danville, Mahoning street, E. Hodgson; Danville, Trinity street, A. M. Creighton; Northumberland, B. F. Stevens; Washingtonville, H. Wilson, T. O. Clee; Bloomsburg, B. H. Crever; Esy and Light street, W. M. Menniger; Orangeville, J. F. Brown, I. Edwards; Berwick, F. B. Riddle; Perwick Circuit, A. Brittain; Bloomsburg, B. P. King one to be supplied; Mullenburg, H. B. Fortner; Shackshimny, E. H. Yeocum; White Haven, W. W. Reese; Weatherly, J. T. Wilson; Gatzleton, F. E. Crever; Swartzville and Audenried, E. S. Swartz; Conyngham, N. W. Colburn, A. S. Bowman; Catawissa, H. G. Dill; Elyburg, H. S. Mendanial; Shamokin, N. S. Buckingham; Centria, A. C. Crosthwaite; Mount Carmel, P. E. Eyer; Ashland, A. W. Guyer; Trevorton, J. F. Craig; Snydertown, D. B. McClosky; Sunbury, W. W. Evans; Selingsgrove, G. W. Miller; I. H. Torrence, Secretary of Penna. Bible Society, member of Trinity Quarterly Conference.

CARLISLE DISTRICT.—T. MITCHELL, Presiding Elder.  
Carlisle, 1st Church, H. C. Pardee; Carlisle, Emory Chapel, W. M. Fry; Carlisle, Mt. Holy, J. M. Lantz; Chambersburg, E. W. Kirby; Chambersburg, Second Church, J. Donahue; Shippensburg, H. M. Ash; Shippensburg Circuit, J. Lloyd; Newville and Rehoboth, W. H. Keith; Mechanicsburg, J. H. McGarrah; New Cumberland, J. M. Clarke, J. B. Shaver; Duncannon, G. T. Gray; Newport, A. R. Miller; Liverpool, A. H. Menck; York, First Church, W. M. D. Ryan; York Duke Street, G. D. Penepacker; Wrightsville, J. W. Olewine; Shrewsbury, W. A. McKee, one to be supplied; Cattle Fin, J. A. McKindless; Hanover and New Oxford, J. A. Dixon; York Springs, T. F. McClure, J. B. Young; Gettysburg, H. C. Cheston, J. H. S. Clarke; Mt. Alto, J. W. Feight; Waynesboro, J. A. DeMoyer; Greensdale, J. A. Woodcock; Men-

cesburg, G. W. Izer; McConnellsburg, H. Linn, L. A. Rudisill.  
S. L. Bowman, Professor Dickinson College—member of Emory Quarterly Conference; T. P. Ege, President Irving Female College—member of Mechanicsburg Quarterly Conference.

JUNIATA DISTRICT.—B. B. HAWLIN, Presiding Elder.  
Huntingdon, M. K. Foster; Petersburg, M. L. Smith; Manor Hill, W. Gwyn, W. Ely; Mount Union, J. Moorehead; Newton Hamilton, J. P. Moore; McVeytown, A. D. Yeocum; Graunville, W. J. Owens; Lewistown, J. Thrush; Freedom, G. W. Dunlap; Mifflon, J. R. King; Mullin, A. M. Barnitz; Thompsonstown, J. Gray; Tuscarora, C. Graham; Newboldville, C. F. W. Bouse, W. Schriber; Centerville, S. A. Creveling; Shade Gap, W. H. Stevens; Shirleyburg, J. P. Long; Scottsville, E. Shoemaker; Cassville, A. W. Decker; Marklesburg, J. C. Clarke; Saxton, C. V. Wilson, J. R. Akers; Ray's Hill, R. H. Wharton; Bedford, A. W. Gibson; Rainburg, W. R. Whitney; Schellsburg, J. A. Ross.

ALTOONA DISTRICT.—J. S. McMURRAY, Presiding Elder.  
Altoona—1st Church, S. W. Sears; "Eight Avenue, D. S. Monroe, Hollidayburg, G. Warren, Duncannon, W. H. Norcross, Martinsburg, J. W. Leekie, Williamsburg, J. Stine-Logan's Valley, D. Hartman, Tyrone, T. Barnhart, G. Guyer, Port Matilda, J. B. Akers, Milesburg, J. W. Cleaver, Howard, J. W. Buckley, Washington, L. R. B. Rhodes, Penn's Valley, J. W. Langshawout, Bellefonte, J. Mullin, Hall Moon, E. Butler, G. A. Singer, Warrior's Mark, D. Castleman, W. C. Robbins, Phillipsburg, R. E. Wilson, Graingranton, R. E. Kelly, T. H. Switzer, sup. Osceola, J. E. Bell, Clear field, J. H. McCord, Clearfield, Clearcut, W. A. Chippinger, Snow-hoe, W. S. Hamlin, Cawensville, W. G. Ferguson, Glen Hope, R. Mallahan, New Washington, L. N. Clark, Lumber City, M. L. Ganoe.

W. Ernsbaw, Chaplain U. S. A., member of Warrior's Mark, R. C. Sheriff, transferred to Upper Iowa Conference. E. J. Gray and D. H. Carroll, transferred to Baltimore Conference. Next Conference to meet at Carlisle.

## Admiral Porter Squandering Public Funds.

The present superintendent of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, is before Congress to secure an extraordinary appropriation to make good deficiencies in the funds of the academy illegally expended by Vice-Admiral Porter, during his control of that institution. It appears that the dashing vice-admiral, having a desire to alter and enlarge the buildings occupied by the cadets in the academy grounds, and otherwise to adorn and embellish the establishment, applied the funds appropriated for the payment of the professors from civil life, and other civil employees, to that purpose. In this way, and in the private entertainments for which he has enjoyed a delightful reputation throughout the land, he has happily managed to expend \$42,000 while an erintendent of the academy, and he left his successor, the gallant Commodore Worden, a "mevy of the most elegant and expensant proportions."

Commodore Worden thus finds himself in a hole to the tune of \$42,000, and with not enough money on hand to pay the wages of the various professors and civil employees of the government under his charge after the 1st of April. Unless Congress makes up Admiral Porter's deficiencies, the accomplished teachers and the needy workmen of Annapolis must go without their pay until mid summer, simply because Vice-Admiral Porter has placed himself above and beyond the law, and misapplied public funds. This utter disregard of law seems to be chronic with the dashing Admiral; and, unfortunately, he appears to have in his illegal course the steady support of the salty Admiral Robeson and of President Grant. At all events the navy department should be thoroughly overhauled at once, and put in good sailing order again.—*New York Sun*.

## Life in Germany.

You enter a German house without knocking, through a door which rings a bell and thus announces the ingress or egress of some one. At the foot of the staircase you find a bell-handle, by ringing at which you call a servant who conducts you to a parlor or reception room on the next floor, which you enter by knocks. You will find the parlor and the best rooms in the house adorned with beautiful pictures on the walls, and elegant lace curtains at the windows, but probably without any carpet. The floor, however, is tessellated with beautiful patterns in various colors, and varnished, or at least it is scoured till it is as white as the driven snow. The amount of fine white linen which a German housekeeper has, and which she is not reluctant to show her guests, is fabulous.—The Germans in this country, and in such cities as Gettinger, keep early hours, breakfasting at eight or earlier, dinner at ten, and usually going to bed as early as two. We attended a concert of most delightful music, but it began at five o'clock in the afternoon and closed at seven in the evening. In short, the child-like virtues of simplicity, candor, naturalness and heartiness which have almost died out in fashionable American society, still exist in Germany in all their primitive perfection.—*Letter from Professor Tyler of Amherst College*.

BEAUTIES OF THE BIBLE.—God's word is God's world—varied, very rich, very beautiful. You never know when you have exhausted all its secrets. The Bible, like nature, has something for every class of mind. Look at the Bible in a new light, and straightway you see some new charms.

No one can exist on a diet of hope exclusively. He must have at least one good square meal per day as a basis.

## Spawls from the Keystone.

—Carlisle brags of a four-legged chicken, which is about the only thing of interest in the place.

—Notwithstanding the report that Dr. Paul Schoppa had escaped, he still remains fast enough in the Carlisle jail.

—Miffin thinks its grave yard isn't big enough to inter all the victims of its present faculty, and wants to enlarge. The infidel had better take less physic.

—Hon. H. M. Bovee has been lecturing in Lancaster in favor of the abolition of Capital Punishment. This is an attempt, no doubt, to shield the necks of the Radical leaders.

—Boatford has a firm styled Fisher & Baltes. Do they have a nursery connected with their establishment?

—Col. W. H. Truitt, formerly of Lewistown died in Cleveland, Ohio, lately.

—There is an exodus from Juniata county to Missouri. Fifteen families from that county fled from Altoona one day last week, at the rate of that State.

—Mr. W. E. Dodge, of Tingo county, owns some of the best prairie lands in the State—about 40,000 acres.

—Blair county, the Radical hole, ought to be ashamed of itself. It left a centenarian, Mr. A. Keath, aged 101 years, die in its poor house on the 10th inst.

—A religious convention, consisting of the Reformed Ministers of Alexandria, Huntingdon, Martinsburg and Altoona, met at the latter place on the 16th inst. It calls itself the "Juniata Ministers'."

—A disease something like whooping cough has broken out among the children of Huntingdon. The cough brings up a greenish phlegm which, if not all thrown up, goes back upon the lungs, causing inflammation and often producing death. It seems to be common.

—A young man named West entered a saloon in Huntingdon the other day, and began abusing the bartender named Spentman. The latter ordered him out, but West refused to go and continued his rant, when Spentman struck him over the head with a club or poker, bringing the blood freely, and possibly injuring the brain. He now lies in a dangerous condition.

—Mr. Owen Rayser, the architect who built the Lock Haven Court House, and the rail road buildings at Sunbury and Renova, besides the splendid new hotel of the company at the latter place, died in Lock Haven on Monday last.

—George Meyers and A. Blau were arrested in Lock Haven on Sunday, for stealing a bottle of liquor and two boxes of cigars from a saloon keeper. They were each held by Justice Noll, for the sum of \$1,000, to appear at the next Court.

—It don't pay to go out to steal a turkey and then leave your overcoat behind you, as a thief did in Juniata county lately. Such bad management would ruin the most successful turkey stealer in the world.

—Stick to the amount of \$240,000 has been subscribed toward the building of the Lewisburg, Centre County and Spruce Creek road.

—A great land slide occurred at Coppers Cut, on the Huntingdon & Broad Top railroad on Thursday of last week, which precipitated from eighteen to twenty thousand feet of earth upon the track. A freight train had just passed, when the slide came thundering down. It will take a couple of weeks to remove the debris.

—On Monday of last week Mr. Jefferson Shomer, of West Chester, killed a hog that weighed, when dressed, 100 lbs. The hog weighed 94 lbs. The animal was a Chester white, two years and five months old, and measured six feet and ten inches from the roots of the tail to between the ears. It was seven feet and three inches in girth just behind the fore legs, and seven feet and nine inches around the middle. It was estimated that he would make six hundred pounds of fat.

## Reasons for Dressing Plain on the Lord's Day.

1. It would lessen the burdens of many who find it hard to maintain their places in society.
2. It would lessen the force of the temptations which often lead men to barter honor and honesty for display.
3. If there was less strife in dress at church, people in moderate circumstances would be more inclined to attend.
4. Universal moderation in dress at church would improve the worship by the removal of many wandering thoughts.
5. It would enable all classes of people to attend church better in unfavorable weather.
6. It would lessen on the part of the rich, the temptations to vanity.
7. It would lessen on the part of the poor, the temptation to be envious.
8. It would save valuable time on the Sabbath.
9. It would relieve our means of a serious pressure, and thus enable us to do more for good enterprises.

"—Lenny, you're a pig," said a father to his little five year old boy. "Now, do you know what a pig is Lenny?" "Yes sir; a pig's a hog's little boy."

—The *Elmira Advertiser* in the last number says: "Local editor is sick; literary editor married; news editor asleep; boss editor busted."

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PHYSICIANS AND CLERGYMEN Testify to the merits of HALL'S VEGETABLE SICILIAN HAIR RENEWER, in restoring GRAY HAIR to its original color and promoting its growth. It makes the hair soft and glossy. The old in appearance are made young again. It is the best

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