

Where Most of the Trouble Lies.

One of our leading newspapers has taken a decided stand against the right, which husbands have in this country, to claim damages for the alienation of a wife's affections.

This position may be correct, to a certain extent, but the "right" to do so, is seldom the cause that induces the act to be done.

How can any man sow selfishness, neglect and brutality and expect to reap kindness, devotion and love? Every department of natural and moral science teaches that "like begets like."

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Limiting the Supply is Nothing New.

A number of our Republican exchanges are seeing all manner of wrong in the Farmers' Alliance of Georgia, because of its effort to limit the amount of cotton planted in the hope, that better prices may be obtained for that which is grown.

When coal threatens to get so plenty that poor men have hopes of keeping their families warm at a fair cost, the companies and corporations that own and control the out-put, meet and limit the amount to be mined each month, until the scarcity of the article brings up the price to the desired figure.

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The Shamokin Drift, a New Sunday Newspaper.

The Shamokin Drift, a new Sunday newspaper, which has the interest of that bustling coal town at heart, made its first appearance in the morning of the 28th of February.

The necessity for an enterprise which would lay before the people of Shamokin and vicinity the news of the world before it ceased to be news, has long been felt.

The WATCHMAN tenders its congratulations to the publishers for the highly commendable manner in which they have issued their first sheet.

The Railroad Consolidation.

Below we publish two articles on the recent Reading, Lehigh Valley and Jersey Central combine. They have been sent us by those opposed to the deal and embody the sentiments of others—not the WATCHMAN—Ed.

A New York Paper's View of It.

From the New York Morning Advertiser. The combination of the Reading, Lehigh Valley, and Jersey Central Railroads is even contrary to law, and is clearly against public policy.

The purpose of the amalgamation of railroads can be interpreted in no two ways. It is to control the output, transportation, and marketing of coal, with a view of enriching a few railroad magnates at the expense of the public.

Condition of the Iron Trade.

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The Australian Wins the Great Fight.

In Twelve Rounds Fitzsimmons, the Middle Weight Champion of the World, Whipped Peter Maher, the Irish Heavy Weight.

NEW ORLEANS, La., MARCH 2.—The fight to-night between Maher and Fitzsimmons attracted fully 5,000 people. Prof. John Duffy was selected as referee. The betting was about even.

Professor John Duffy entered the arena at 8 o'clock and made a clever address. Mitchell was too much for Upham as Slavin was for Vacquelin, but about between Mitchell and Slavin was a pretty exhibition.

The men entered the ring at exactly 9 o'clock, Maher first, dressed in black trousers with black stockings and black fighting shoes. Gus Tutbill, Billy Madden and Jack Fallon were his seconds.

Time was called at 9.15, with the men in the centre of the ring. Fitz opened the battle and honors were even up to the seventh round, but the Australian's superior tactics and skill began to show and Maher became very groggy.

Fitzsimmons fought a fair fight, and offered a flask to his beaten opponent. Fitzsimmons took a hearty pull himself of the red stuff, and then congratulated Maher on his game fight.

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The Debt Statement.

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Reciprocity With France.

PARIS, March 1.—Mr. Whitelaw Reid, the American minister, and M. Jules Roche, minister of commerce, have arrived at a definite agreement for the establishment of a commercial treaty between France and the United States.

A Much Wanted Man.

From the Montross Democrat. If there be one single workman in the United States whose wages have been raised 1 cent by the McKinley law he should make haste to communicate with the chairman of the house committee on manufactures, at Washington, as that committee has been instructed to hunt for him, in connection with its investigation of the "sweating system."

Neither Startling nor Strange.

From the Altoona Times. It is not at all strange to us that Republican journals are so venomously antagonistic to Senator Hill of New York. They cannot forgive him for the adroit manner in which he checked their game to secure the control of the New York senate, by which, if successful, they could have continued their unconstitutional power in the Empire state for some years at least.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Neither the farmer, the merchant nor the mechanic ever stops to consider that at present it actually costs more to move a ton of freight over a mile of our average roads than to move it twenty-five miles by rail. Get the figures, make your own calculation and see if this statement is not correct.

A SCHOOL FOR VOTERS.—The Pittsburg Times, in order to instruct the people how to vote under the new Baker law, has concluded to open a school to introduce the system.

THE NITTANY VALLEY TURNPIKE.—Last Saturday the viewers in the Nittany Valley turnpike matter heard argument by T. C. Hipple, Esq., for the county, Charles Cors and C. S. McCormick for the petitioners, and C. G. Furst, for the Turnpike Company.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Issued during the past week—taken from the docket. Samuel R. Gillam, of Philipsburg, and Nora Morarty, of Ashcroft.

THE LICENSE COURT.—The License court has been in session here since Tuesday morning and petitions and remonstrances, in great abundance, have been presented.

In the case of the Central Hotel, of Philipsburg, Peter Ashcroft, its proprietor, having died on the 22nd of February, Judge Furst ordered his widow to file a new bond and make application on March 26th.

Action on all of the new applications has been withheld until tomorrow, Saturday, when the court will make known its disposition of them. It is impossible to say what the out-come will be.

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—Coul! Miss Carrie Hunter, from whom a bright and interesting letter was received yesterday, takes a glance at old Centre county to-day, she would see everywhere, a mantle of snow two or three feet deep, instead of the beautiful flowers and climate that she writes of from the sunny south.

Pine Grove Mentions. Petitions against the granting of license at this place have been circulated and legally signed.

Dr. Livingston is boasting of a young dentist at his house. He came to stay and for the present they call him crier.

Our M. E. neighbors are rejoicing over the financial success of their last week's festival in which they cleared forty dollars.

The greatest boy of snow that has be-decked mother earth at any one time for years fell on the first of March, almost a pending travel in all directions. The old adage is that if March comes in like a lion it will go out like a lamb.

The death of Miss Lettie Ross occurred at the residence of J. H. Ross, Linden Hill, of that dreaded and fatal disease consumption, on the first day of March. Aged 17 years.

The Teacher's local institute, held in the Academy Hall last Friday evening, and Saturday, was one of much interest, judging by the crowded attendance at every session.

Most excellent music was furnished. Miss Mary Ward presiding at the organ, and choir rendered some of their best selections which were highly appreciated.

The Friday evening session was taken up by the Principal of the preparatory department of Penna State College. Prof. Sparks held the audience for an hour and a half with his humorous recitations in which he personated the English duds with perfection.

The closing day's work, of Saturday, commenced early as their was an anxiety to get through soon as possible so as to enable teachers from a distance to return to their homes.

When the chairman had called the assembly to order the choir favored the audience with some of its best renditions, then Secretary Holmes ran over the roll, very few failing to respond to their names.

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