

Gold Payment Contracts.

Unsuccessful efforts have been made in some of the State Legislatures to enact laws that would prohibit the restriction of the gold clause in private contracts between borrowers and lenders of money.

These failures were not attributable to any question as to the propriety and desirability of such a law, but its enactment was prevented by the fear that the citizens of those States, by such a prohibition of the gold clause, would be placed at a disadvantage in borrowing money.

When Congress committed the crime of demonetizing silver it completed the turpitude of that act by depriving that kind of money of its legal tender quality.

In consequence of this concession to the money lenders there is now a dollar borrowed, outside of temporary bank accommodations, that is not subjected to the restriction of a gold payment contract.

The restrictive provision of the gold clause confronts every man who borrows money for business purposes. It is not difficult to see at what a disadvantage such a restriction places the borrower.

As this great wrong, which is so grievously afflicting the business interests, is the result of an act of Congress, having general effect over the whole country, it is useless for State Legislatures to try to locally mitigate the injury it is doing.

Quay's Championship of the Common People.

Senator QUAY's zeal as a reformer is manifesting itself in various ways. His latest demonstration in that line is the stand he has taken to prevent a combination of plutocratic business men from electing DON CAMERON's successor in the United States Senate.

With this object in view the Senator uses some very plain language in speaking of the league of Philadelphia "businessmen" who are pushing JOHN WANAMAKER for United States Senator.

We congratulate the Senator on the stand he has taken in behalf of the plain people. When he was managing presidential campaigns in the interest of the trusts, the moneyed corporations, the bank syndicates and plutocratic gold bugs.

Samuel Fisher, of Cambria Co., and Sophia Doer, of Phillipsburg.

H. E. C. Kauffman and Helen Test, both of Phillipsburg.

Israel Rachau, of Madisonburg, and Sarah Bartholomew, of Mackeyville.

W. R. Gardner and Gertrude Bennison, both of Howard Bor.

Altoona's Conflagration.

Business Part of the Town Suffers a Loss of \$100,000

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 14.—The most disastrous fire that has occurred in the business section of this city for years broke out in the department store of Frank M. Morrow about 7:30 o'clock this evening.

The city postoffice occupies the first floor of the Odd Fellows' hall, but with exception of damage by water to this building the government property was saved.

The loss on stock in Morrow's store will be \$40,000 and to the building \$10,000; the Godfrey Wolf heirs' building, \$10,000; Turner & Kanter, druggists, \$5,000; C. F. Carpenter, tobacconist, \$7,000; Keystone Republican club, \$1,500; Odd Fellows' hall, \$3,000; Blumenthal Bros., \$5,000; Samuel Moss, clothier, \$15,000.

Firing Near Havana.

Desultory Shooting Heard West of Town, and Troops Sent Out.

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 15.—Firing has been heard all day long west of Havana, so to-night's report states. Not steady but desultory, as if a running fight were being had.

Additional Locals.

Dr. C. B. Church has given up his practice at Milesburg. He and Mrs. Church left for their new home, Washington, D. C., last Friday.

Ceader's fine chocolates, a 25c mixture, is attracting the attention of buyers of holiday candies.

On last Thursday Dr. George W. Atherton, president of The Pennsylvania State College, in company with presidents of other national land grant colleges.

Pine Dairy Cows at Public Sale.—Tomorrow Robert M. Foster will offer his herd of blooded cattle at public sale.

A Merry Time at Zion.—A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homan, at Zion, by a number of her daughter's friends, on Tuesday.

Tuesday's Cheap Excursion from Pine Grove Mills.—The managers of the Bellefonte Central rail-road company have arranged to run a cheap excursion from Pine Grove Mills and Bloomsdort to this place, next Tuesday.

Caught a Deer in His Arms.—The Lock Haven Express is responsible for the following story of the thrilling capture of a deer:

W. D. Workman, of this city, while driving down Bald Eagle valley, Wednesday afternoon, captured a deer about three miles east of Beech Creek borough.

Marriage Licenses.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphans' court clerk, G. W. Rumberger, during the past week.

Samuel Fisher, of Cambria Co., and Sophia Doer, of Phillipsburg.

H. E. C. Kauffman and Helen Test, both of Phillipsburg.

Israel Rachau, of Madisonburg, and Sarah Bartholomew, of Mackeyville.

W. R. Gardner and Gertrude Bennison, both of Howard Bor.

Bernard Shannon and Margaret Oswalt, both of Sandy Ridge.

A Letter from a Town Girl to Her Cousin, Mrs. Valley Penn—Why Nan,

what is the matter that you are taking such a cross eyed view of life at this blessed Christmas time? No, I haven't even seen prosperity pass by the corner, but my! I have loads to be thankful for.

On Monday the teachers come and I will not be able to go with you, so will give you my thoughts for the clan now. For your Mother, I would get linen, no house-keeper has ever too great a store and then it is a treasure which neither moth nor style doth affect.

For your Father why not get an umbrella? If I remember rightly his is lacking a rib. Montgomery's have them from 75 cents up to \$7, natural wood handles.

As Aunt Polly needs a rug I would suggest that you get her a present at Lyons'. Their moquettes and Smyrmas are aesthetic enough for any room and the prices are down low.

The travelling bags at Fauble's appeal to me as I know they would to Will, your rolling stone. Their dress suit cases are really one of the most useful gifts you can make a man, indeed they meet the needs of the entire family.

For Madge and Jack, who would sooner have a fifty cent luxury than a five dollar necessity, go to Richards'. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever" and their belt buckles, toilet articles, clocks and jewelry are certainly worth having.

How much did the C. E. raise for your pastor? Nagney's have a Morris chair that would delight his royal nibs and add greatly to his sermons.

The candy and toys for your Sunday school I would advise you to get at Acheneb's, as he will give you prices at Acheneb's, as he will give you prices at Acheneb's, as he will give you prices at Acheneb's.

For old Mrs. Marrow get a pair of felt slippers at Power's they wear much better than home knit ones and are much warmer.

Woodward Clippings.—Mrs. Thosell is so seriously ill that there is little hope of her recovery.

The organized hunting company of this place returned, empty handed. How is it John? Thomas Motz, of near this place, has been

We have loads of good things for the asking but, Dear, excuse me from saying more just now.

Bellefonte, Pa, December 18th.

If you want to get a fine chocolate mixture that is as good as the higher priced article, go to Ceader's, they have a fine candy for 25cts per lb.

WHAT IT COSTS TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW.

The law has always been recognized as an exceedingly expensive piece of machinery, but we must have law and we must pay for it, no matter what the cost.

One of the items on which the county commissioners, in convention, at Reading, recently objected to is that of the advertising of the sheriff's election proclamation, claiming that it is an useless expenditure.

Berks county, total cost of proclamation, \$1,119.80; Blair county, \$2,900; Bucks, \$2,071; Butler, \$1,000; Chester (unpaid), \$2,337; Clarion, \$945; Clinton, (3 papers), \$378; Cumberland, (3 papers), \$475; Dauphin, (5 papers), \$498 to \$971 each; Delaware, (4 papers), \$3,000; Elk (3 papers), \$450; Erie (3 papers), \$337; Forest, (3 papers, \$90 each), \$270; Huntingdon, (3 papers), \$558; Indiana, (6 papers), \$700; Lebanon, (5 papers), \$250; Luzerne, (13 papers), \$400 to \$500 each; McKean, \$287; Millin, (3 papers), \$300; Monroe, (4 papers), \$1,100; Montgomery, (5 papers), \$3,500; Northumberland, (3 papers), \$150; Pike, (2 papers), \$278; Somerset, (3 papers), \$1,701; Venango, (4 papers), \$300; Warren, (3 papers), \$351; Washington, (3 papers), \$350; Wayne, (3 papers), \$350.

DEDICATION OF THE MILESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Although it had been in use for four years the new Presbyterian church, at Milesburg, was not formally dedicated to the service of God until last Sunday morning, when the debt was wiped out and a special dedicatory service was held.

The church was crowded when the service opened with the singing of the doxology and an invocation, followed by the rendition of a voluntary by the choir. Reading of the scripture lesson and prayer by the pastor, followed after which the dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. John S. MacIntosh, D. D., LL. D., of Philadelphia.

The history of the Milesburg Presbyterian church dates back less than thirty years. Prior to that time it was an accessory of the Bellefonte church. On March 5th, 1868, in accordance with an action of the Huntingdon presbytery, the Milesburg church was formed with eighteen members of the Bellefonte church.

The membership at present numbers 85, with a Sabbath school of 115 and an active Christian Endeavor Society. The ruling elders at present are Wm. B. Thomas, Geo. Noll and Daniel C. Shope, and the board of trustees consist of Dr. C. B. Church, C. P. Stonerod, Frank O. Baldrige, Albert N. Bierly, J. C. Snyder, James Noll and Charles Peters.

Mrs. Thosell is so seriously ill that there is little hope of her recovery. The Evangelical Sunday school, is preparing to treat the scholars.

The organized hunting company of this place returned, empty handed. How is it John? Thomas Motz, of near this place, has been

bedfast on account of a severe attack of pneumonia.

Rev. J. J. Lohr recently made a call on Mr. Rob. Miller of this place who is fatally ill with consumption.

Luther Haines says he saw a large deer in the mountains east of here, but he forgot to shoot it. How is that Luther?

The Sunday school of Grace church, of this place, is preparing for an entertainment which will take place on Thursday evening, Dec. 24th.

A monument standing 6ft 4in. high has been erected in memory of John Barner, late constable of this district, who was killed, while in the act of performing his duty, by Wm. Ettlinger.

Thomas Hosterman, who has been cooking in a lumber camp in the vicinity of Snow Shoe, has returned home with a broad smile on account of his heavy beard. He expects to engage in baking at Mill Hall in the near future.

All Through Brush Valley.

Boys, watch out for that wedding on the twenty-third inst.

Mr. Scott Walizer, of Kreamerville, was in Bellefonte on Tuesday.

Mr. Charles Snyder, of Greenburr, was in our valley on Saturday.

A number of our teachers will attend the institute at Bellefonte next week.

Mr. Israel Hough, who works in Union county, was at home over Sunday.

Mr. H. G. Krage, of Rebersburg, transacted business in Perry county last week.

Mr. Wm. Bierly, of Rebersburg, wears a broad smile because that new baby is a boy.

Mr. McMullen, who had charge of the flour mill at Centre Mills, moved to Millheim last week.

Mr. Geo. Grenninger, who has been working at Altoona for almost a year, came home last week to spend the winter.

Mr. Thomas Zeigler came home, last Thursday evening, from his western trip. All are glad to see Thomas at his old place in the post office again.

Cal. Henry, of Rockville, killed a porker, on Monday, that weighed 650 pounds. Mr. Henry takes the lead this season in our valley.

A new house will be put up in the spring at the west end of Rebersburg, by Mr. Chas. Smull, who drives the U. S. mail between Rebersburg and Coburn.

Hon. Willis Bierly, who had been at the old home a few weeks to quench his hunting appetite in the surrounding woods, left for Williamsport last Thursday. He proves to be a continued worker for bimetalism.

Squire Henry Moyer, of Rebersburg, and Mr. Thomas Royer, of Rockville, were out in the Brush Valley "Narrows" a few days to give full vent to their hunting propensities. They left the pursued game unharmed in the "Narrows."

Pine Grove Mention.

Mrs. D. L. Miller is recovering from her recent illness.

Mrs. Smith is enjoying a visit from her son W. H., and his wife, of Spring Mills.

Mrs. Maggie Gates will soon be able to occupy her new home, on Church street.

J. M. Keller went to Tyrone Saturday. We are not allowed to tell what he went after.

Prof. J. A. Weaver smiles when he says: "It's a girl," who some day may turn out a finished musician.

Arabella Lytle is so ill with pneumonia and heart disease that only her nurse and physician are permitted to see her.

John Fortney, Esq., one of Boalsburg's best mechanics, with his pleasant wife, visited the Dalton home recently.

Insurance agent T. B. Jamison, of Spring Mills, transacted business here and at State College where he is doing a good business.

Gabriel Lucas, our oldest veteran, has been so seriously ill recently that his son, Joshua Lucas, of Houtzdale, has been by his bedside for some days.

Squire Miller recently invested in a Sharpless cream separator. His good wife was always famous for her butter, but she is now 'way ahead in the race.

A good substantial side walk has been laid in front of Mrs. Danley's residence. It is to be hoped that some of the other property owners will do likewise.

Mrs. Ralph Hillingworth is down from Warriors Mark, with her little son Henry, visiting at grandfather Snyder's this week.

Henry Goss, who has always been called Tump, is visiting his grandmother, on Water street. He is the boss sawyer at Whipple's mill.

Mrs. Knode and her amiable daughter Fannie, are a delightful visit at son-in-law Myer's, on Main street, have returned to their home in Alexandria.

Mr. John C. Neice and his bride took advantage of the pleasant weather and came up from Spring Mills for a little visit to his father-in-law Amos Koch.

Our friend J. W. Kepler took a ride Saturday evening that we hope he may never be called upon to repeat. While driving down hill one of the shaft bolts gave way allowing the shafts to strike the horse's feet and causing it to start at break neck speed.

The hunting season is over for this year with the following records. The Bucks leads the list with their seven slaughtered deer. The Riley party got three and the Woomer party two. Most of them were shot in "green leaf hollow" or "sand knob" and the nimrods declare they wounded six others in the same locality, which were captured in Stone Valley. The Modocs and Excelsiors hunted ten days but got nothing.

DEATH OF A FORMER CITIZEN.—On last Wednesday, the news was received here of the death of Jas. A. Livingston, at his home, near Manor Hill, in Huntingdon county. For a number of years he was proprietor of St. Elmo hotel and while there distinguished himself for genial hospitality and general good fellowship.

Only a few intimate friends of Joe Johnson and Effie Markle knew that they had matrimonial intentions, last Tuesday, when they started on that drive. But evidently they had for they headed direct for Register Rumberger's office and secured the necessary permit. Rev. Lescher performed the ceremony at the Boalsburg parsonage and part of the honeymoon they spent in Zion.

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PINE GROVE HAS A RAILROAD.—Our town like other places has in it a number of pessimists, who always look on the gloomy side of every thing. They are the fellows who are continually saying "Pine Grove is leader than a door nail and flatter than a pan cake." But this time they were disappointed for the reality actually materialized in less than two years.

New Advertisements.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county, Pa., and to me directed, will be sold at public sale at the court house, in Bellefonte, Pa.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1897. At 10:30 o'clock a.m. the following real estate: All that certain message or tract of land situate in Taylor township, Centre county, Pa., bounded on the north by land of Christian Buck and John Van Pool's heirs, on the south by land of James Walk and Leonard Merryman, on the east by land of William McCoy and on the west by land of C. Mitchell, containing 140 acres more or less. Being the same premises which John Emigh and wife by their deed dated the 18th of Dec. A. D. 1896, and recorded in deed book K, No. 2, page 372 etc., granted and conveyed unto Wm. Merryman. Thereon erected a two story frame dwelling house, bank barn and outbuildings. Seized taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Wm. H. Thomas.

JOHN P. CONDO, Sheriff. Bellefonte, Pa., Dec. 15, 1896. 41-56-34.

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