

Democratic Watchman

Belleville, Pa., May 27, 1898.

TOO HIGH.

"Ten years ago me an' Mary Scruggs
Was singin' in the choir,
A holdin' of the same hymn book,
An' shovin' nigh an' nigher;
And folks turned round to look and hear
Their music sweet, an' when her
Soprano struck up loud and clear
I came in with my tenor."

"Last night she sung in our town
As Miss Maria Scruggin,
And I went to the opera house
To buy seats, like a greeny;
To seats, five dollars each; they says;
I backs of quick, an' then her
Soprano struck up loud, and I,
—I stayed out with my tenor."

The West Indian Islands.

Their Discovery and Present Ownership.

The name West Indies was given to the chain of islands which stretch from Florida to the South American coast, because they were supposed at the time of their discovery to be outlying islands of India or Asia, and, as they were found by sailing westward, they were called the West Indies. The islands are divided into the Bahamas, the Greater Antilles and the Lesser Antilles. As may be seen by an examination of the cable lines, any event happening in the West Indies may be cabled to the United States through Havana to Key West, or pass south to South America, and thence be transmitted to Africa or Europe, and across the Atlantic again to the United States.

It has never been definitely settled what island of the Bahama group was the first landing place of Columbus, but the weight of authority favors San Salvador or Watlings island. Others have regarded Cat island, to the south, as the first landing place. The subsequent route of the great explorer was through the Bahama group and along the coasts of Cuba and Haiti.

In the second voyage, Columbus first reached land near the center of the Lesser Antilles, passed Puerto Rico, stopped on the northern coast of Haiti, sailed westward along the south side of Cuba, discovered Jamaica, returned to the northern coast of Haiti, and thence, after a stop, passed Porto Rico and started on his homeward journey.

In his third voyage he kept more to the south, discovered Trinidad, the lowlands near the mouth of the Orinoco, this being probably the first discovery of South America; thence he sailed to Santo Domingo, where he was deposed and sent home in chains.

In his fourth voyage, which the great discoverer intended should be around the globe, he entered the Lesser Antilles a little south of the island which he passed at the beginning of his voyage, touched at Santo Domingo, and then sailed to Central America, along which he coasted for a thousand miles in a vain endeavor to find a passage westward. He returned to Jamaica where his ships gave out. The next year he returned to Spain, to die in the full belief that the lands he had seen were parts of Asia.

The West Indies, especially during the second half of the seventeenth century, were the haunt of the buccaneers, who preyed upon the rich Spanish commerce. Their chief stronghold was the Tortugas, near Florida, but their depredations extended to South America, and even across the Isthmus of Panama to the Pacific.

The Danish West Indies are at the beginning of the Lesser Antilles, near Puerto Rico. In 1870 the United States government negotiated a treaty with Denmark for the purchase of these islands, St. Thomas, but the Senate refused to ratify the treaty.

The last island of the Lesser Antilles is Trinidad. This now belongs to Great Britain, but was discovered by Columbus, and named Trinidad (Spanish for trinity) on account of three prominent peaks near the shore where he saw it. The island is best known at present for its supply of asphalt which comes from a "pitch lake," about a mile and a half in circumference.

With the exception of the island of Haiti, which is divided into two independent republics of Haiti and Santo Domingo, and of a few islands near Florida belonging to the United States, and a few near the coast of South America belonging to Venezuela, the West Indies are divided among the European nations, Spain and Great Britain being the chief owners.—Century Atlas.

Two Important Assemblies.

Presbyterians from all over the World in Session this Week.

The general assembly of the Presbyterian church is now in session at Winona Park, Eagle Lake, Warsaw. Eagle Lake is the name of the post office; Warsaw is the name of the town, and Winona Park the place of meeting.

A total of 610 commissioners will be in attendance, divided equally between ministers and laymen, representing 230 presbyteries from all parts of the world in which the Presbyterian church has established a foothold.

A matter that will attract widespread attention throughout the church and of special interest to people of this section will be the assembly's action on the memorial sent up from Pittsburg presbytery at the instance of Rev. Dunlop Moore, D. D., attacking the orthodoxy of the views expressed by Prof. Arthur C. McGiert, D. D., of Union Theological seminary, N. Y., in his recent book, "A Heresy trial may be the outcome of this memorial. Another topic that will excite equal interest will be the action on the "Princeton inn affair," and the adoption of the report of the committee on temperance. The question of liquidating the debt of \$300,000 owned by the Board of Home Missions will receive special attention.

Fosters' Weather Predictions.

The next storm wave will reach the Pacific coast by the 29th, cross west of Rockies country by close of 27th, great central valleys 28th to 30th, eastern States 31st.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 26th, great central valleys 28th, eastern States 30th, cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 29th, great central valleys 31st, eastern States June 2nd.

During the last week in May severe storms may be expected in the northern States, and local heavy showers will occur in a few places.

The coolest week of the month, east of the Rockies, was predicted to occur near to the date of this bulletin, and the country was also warned that soon after this time apprehensions of a serious drought would arise.

The Ravages of Drink.

"Bondage and death the cup contains;
Dish to the earth the poisoned bowl;
Softer than silk are iron chains,
Compared with those that chafe the soul."

Plague, pestilence, and famine in all the history of our nation have not wasted our substance and desolated our homes as has the curse of drink. Yes, we may add to all that we have just enumerated the waste of life and property by all our wars, and it is as nothing compared with the waste inflicted by the curse of rum. It cost a half-million lives to preserve the Union and destroy the foul system of American slavery. But the grim Moloch of rum runs a half-million of our people to death and dishonored graves every five years.

Would that God might witness the tears and heartbreaks caused by this woeful desolation, and instruct all his children to smite to everlasting death this monstrous foe.

Shall we go on celebrating our Fourth of July with pestiferous fire-crackers and noise and nonsense while the dead and dying—two thousand of them every week in the year—are lying about us?

Oh! it were better to clothe ourselves in sackcloth and ashes, and humbly call on God for help and salvation. I will not do that, but I will make the next Fourth of July a day never to be forgotten on earth or in heaven?—Bishop W. F. Mallon.

Sex and Population.

Lands Where the Men Outnumber the Women.

The London Post has lately called attention to the statement that Egypt is one country in the world where men exceed women in number. By the latest census the male sex in the dominions of the khedive exceeds the female by 160,000.

This alleged distinction of Egypt lacks, however, the important feature of being accurate. Egypt is not the only country in which women are outnumbered by men; there are others—several others—and the number of these are the United States. By the census of 1890 there were in this country 1,513,510 more male than female inhabitants.

In Australia the disparity between the sexes is even greater than it is here. Nor can this preponderance of men be ascribed to the comparatively recent settlement of the United States and of Australia, for in Italy men outnumber women, and by the last Italian census there was an excess of male over female inhabitants in the proportion of 50.20 to 49.80.

In Greece the percentage of male inhabitants is higher even than it is in Egypt, and so it is, too, in Servia and Roumania.

In all the South American countries, with the exception of Chili and Venezuela, men outnumber the women, and this is particularly the case in Brazil and in the Argentine republic.

In England's South African colonies—in India and in Canada, as well as in Egypt, the number of male inhabitants exceeds the number of female inhabitants, and it is not easy, therefore, to see how such an error should have been made as to say Egypt was entitled to the distinction claimed for it.

Paper Boxes.

Made in Great Variety and Enormous Numbers—Where Skill in Planning Counts.

Paper box factories have multiplied in comparatively recent years; there are now 270 in New York city. Among the odd shaped boxes are some of those for tools. A box for a steel square, for instance, is shaped like a big, plain letter L. The box itself being two inches wide, but made in a right angle with one arm two feet long and the other one foot. Odd-shaped boxes readily suggest themselves. A box for a concertina, for example, would be octagon shaped.

In most odd-shaped boxes the tops and bottoms are first cut out and then the sides are formed of a single piece. In boxes of regular form, as square or oblong, the bottoms, sides and ends may all be made of a single piece. This would be true commonly of the shallower boxes. In larger and deeper boxes it would depend on how the stock would cut. Sometimes a box is made with the bottom and sides one end of a single piece, the other end being intact; sometimes it is made with the bottom and two sides of a single piece, and the ends both intact. However, the box is made, it is made with a view to the greatest economy of material, so that there shall be as little waste as possible.

New Cure for Hiccoughs.

The surgeons of a New York hospital have discovered a new cure for hiccoughs. A patient was taken to them recently unconscious, and dying it was thought, from hiccoughs.

The patient is 28 years old and of a nervous disposition. The attack began six days ago, and he was carried to Bellevue on the third day. Physicians relieved him by administering chloroform, but as soon as the effects wore off the hiccoughs recurred. Dr. Slade finally drew his tongue outward and held it distended. This stretched the nerves of both the tongue and the diaphragm and prevented the tongue from drawing back at each spasm. This novel experiment stopped the hiccoughing and he has for 24 hours rested quietly. He is still weak and emaciated. The attack was caused, Dr. Slade thinks, by gastritis.

Mad Work of a Fiend.

A Maniac Mother Cuts the Heads off her Children.

Poughkeepsie was shocked Saturday morning by an act of Mrs. John Spier, aged about forty years, who deliberately cut the heads off of two of her young children, John aged two years, and Regine only five months old. Her instrument of butchery was a large butcher's knife. Grief at the death of her husband five months ago is supposed to have crazed Mrs. Spier. She is now confined in jail, a raving maniac.

Lock the Door—Before the horse is stolen.

Purify, enrich and vitalize your blood and build up your physical system before disease attacks you and serious sickness comes. Hood's Sarsaparilla will make you strong and vigorous and will expel from your blood all impurities and germs of disease. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla now. Hood's Pills are the favorite family cathartic. Easy to take, gentle mild. 25 cents.

The Usual Signs.

Burgling Bill—We've made a mistake, Jimmy! Dis fellows' a poor man!
Tweled Jimmy—How'd yet get on?
Burgling Bill—He's got 17 children!
I mistrusted suthin' when I saw their raft of dogs out in their yard.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists furnish the money if it fails to cure.

German Baptists' (Dunkards') Annual Meeting, Naperville, Ill.

Reduced Rates via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the benefit of persons desiring to attend the annual meeting of the German Baptists (Dunkards) at Naperville, Ill., May 29th to June 7th, 1898, the Pennsylvania railroad company will sell excursion tickets from points on its line west of Baltimore, Lancaster, Reading, and south of Sunbury, all inclusive, at rate of single fare for the round trip to Chicago plus \$1.85 to Naperville; these tickets to be sold May 23th, 24th, 27th, and 28th and good to return until June 24th, except that on deposit of tickets with agent at Naperville on or before June 24th, return limit may be extended to June 30th. 43-17-4t

REMARKABLE RESCUE—Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at F. Potts Green's drug store. Large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

A Numerous Order.

A well-known Washington woman was doing the cathedral cities of England last summer. Throughout her tour she wore a tiny American flag pinned to the waist of her traveling dress. A good many of the English people whom she met did not understand, or pretended not to understand, what the flag stood for.

"You belong to some secret society, I perceive," said an Englishwoman to whom she was introduced, pointing to the diminutive starry banner.

"Yes," responded the Washington woman, amiably, "there are 70,000,000 of us."

Business Notice.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on the wrapper of every bottle of Castoria.

When baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss she clung to Castoria. When she had children she gave them Castoria.

Tourists.

The Pioneer Limited

Is the name of the only perfect train in the world, now running every night between Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis via the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway—the pioneer road of the West in adopting all improved facilities for the safety and enjoyment of passengers. An illustrated pamphlet, showing views of beautiful scenery along the route of the Pioneer Limited, will be sent free to any person upon receipt of a two-cent postage stamp. Address George H. Heafford, general passenger agent, Chicago, Ill. 43-19-3t

The Omaha Exposition of 1898

Beats the Centennial Exposition which occurred in Philadelphia in 1876 away out of sight and is next to the World's Fair at Chicago in importance to the whole country. All of the States in the Trans-Mississippi region are interested, and our Eastern friends will enjoy a visit to Omaha during the continuance of the Exposition, from June to October, inclusive.

Buy your excursion tickets over the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y. An illustrated folder descriptive of the Exposition will be sent you on receipt of 2-cent stamp for postage. Address John R. Pott, district passenger agent, Williamsport, Pa. 3t

In Going to St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The wise traveler selects the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway.

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SCHOOL GIRL'S NERVES.

This Record is of Especial Value to Parents. It's a Message from a Loving Mother Dedicated to the Mother's of Growing Girls. A Truthful Narrative of the Utmost Interest and Importance.

It is important that the nerves are carefully guarded. Mothers who have young daughters of school age should watch their health more carefully than their studies.

The proper development of their bodies is of first importance. After the confinement of the school room, plenty of out-door exercise should be taken. It is better that children never learn their a, b, c's, than that by over-study they lose their health.

All this is self-evident. Everyone admits it—everyone knows it, but everyone does not know how to build the health up when once broken down, even the best physicians failing at times. The following method of Mrs. Stephen Barnes, whose post office address is Burney, Ind., if rightly applied, may save your daughter.

When her daughter Lucy was at that critical girlhood age of twelve years she grew weak and nervous.

"Previously she had been a bright, healthy young girl," says Mrs. Barnes. "She was diligent and progressive in her studies.

"It became necessary, however, for her to leave school. "She was overtaxed mentally and physically. "Her nerves were at such a tension that the least noise irritated her.

"She had continual twitching in the arms and lower limbs and symptoms of St. Vitus's dance. "Her blood was out of order she was thin and pale, almost lifeless. In three months she lost twenty-three pounds.

Tourists.

Wisconsin Farm Lands.

There is a rush now to the choice unoccupied farm lands along the line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway in Central Wisconsin. Good quarter sections can now be had for \$7.00 and upwards per acre, one-third cash, balance on long time at current rate of interest.

For further information address W. E. Porell, General Immigration agent, 410 Old Colony Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

Medical.

MAKE IT PUBLIC.

Publicity counts—that's what the people want—Bellefonte Express.

Make it public. Tell the people about it. Gratitude promotes publicity. For your own good, tell your neighbors—tell their friends. The news is to go to keep. Everybody should know about the little conqueror.

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"We have always rejoiced that we did. "The pills helped Lucy at once, and after taking eight boxes she was entirely cured. "She is now in perfect health, strong, weighs ten pounds more than ever before, and her cheeks are full of color.

"Two years of schooling were missed on account of ill health, but now she can gratify her ambition to study and become an educated woman."

The reason that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People were helped in the above case, is that they are composed of vegetable remedies which act directly on the impure blood, the foundation of disease.

As the blood rushes through all parts of the body, the conveyer of good or bad health, it is necessary that it should be pure, rich and red. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills build up the blood by supplying its life giving elements which nourishes the various organs, stimulating them to activity in the performance of their functions and thus drives disease from the system.

The pills are in universal demand and sold by all druggists.

Roofing.

A LEAKING ROOF

IS A PESKY NUISANCE.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD AND BRANCHES.

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VIA TYROSE—WESTWARD.

Leave Bellefonte, 9.33 a. m., arrive at Tyrore 11.10 a. m., at Altoona, 1.00 p. m., at Pittsburg, 4.50 p. m.

Leave Bellefonte, 1.05 p. m., arrive at Tyrore, 2.15 p. m., at Altoona, 3.10 p. m., at Pittsburg, 6.55 p. m.

Leave Bellefonte, 4.44 p. m., arrive at Tyrore, 6.00, at Altoona, 7.40, at Pittsburg at 11.30.

VIA TYROSE—EASTWARD.

Leave Bellefonte, 5.53 a. m., arrive at Tyrore 11.10, at Harrisburg, 2.40 p. m., at Philadelphia, 10.20 a. m.

Leave Bellefonte, 1.05 p. m., arrive at Tyrore, 2