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P. GRAY MEEK, - . .

# The Watchman Still to Be Had for \$1.00

Out of respect for the earnest solicitation of a number of the leading Democrats of Centre county and with the hope of making the WATCHMAN the family paper of every household in this section it has been determined to continue the present low rate of \$1 a year until July 1st. 1899.

The reduction in price made last December has resulted in an unprecedented increase of subscribers, but we know there are still more who will be anxious to take advantage of this low rate proposition.

There is one thing, however, that we desire to impress upon the minds of our old subscribers. This rate of \$1 per year is POSITIVELY only for those who pay in advance. All have an equal opportunity to take advantage of it and if you do not do it you need not expect to settle at any other than the rate of \$2 per year.

The WATCHMAN has never deviated from its rule of fair and impartial treatment to all, consequently the paper will be given to no one for a dollar who does not settle up all arrearages and pay one year in advance. Don't expect to have a reduction from the old price of \$2 made for you unless you are an advance subscriber, for you will be disappointed if you do.

#### The Democratic Primaries.

In connection herewith will be found the call of the chairman of the Democratic county committee, for the election of delegates, and the holding of the convention, which will place in nomination the county ticket to be voted for, and elected this fall. It is a matter of gratification that the Democrats are generally aroused to the importance of these two meetings. They understand that at the former of these every Democrat in the county has the right to vote for his choice, among Democrats, for every position that is to be filled, to express his preference, by the instruction of delegates, for whoever he thinks best fitted for and best entitled to the office. It is a duty he owes his party, his county and himself to do so. When this is done and a majority of Democratic people indicate who they desire as candidates, it is equally a duty that each and all of us give them earnest and honest support. He is a poor Democrat who neglects or refuses to go to the primaries and then growl or kicks

about the ticket. Remember that this is the time to make a ticket that suits you. It is the time to get men nominated whom you think deserve it. It is the great field day for every Democrat, and every man who cares enough about good government to try to get only the very best men for the places put upon the ticket should devote the few hours fixed for the primaries in working for this

THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN'S INSTRUCTIONS.

The Democratic voters of Centre county will meet at the regular places for holding the general elections, in their respective election districts, on Saturday, June 10th, 1899, to elect delegates to the County convention. Under the rules of the party the election will be opened at 3 p. m. and closed at 7 p. m. The delegates chosen at the above stated time will meet in the court house, in Bellefonte, on Tuesday, June 13th, 1899, at 12 o'clock, noon, to nominate: - One candidate for sheriff, one candidate for county treasurer, one candidate for register, one candidate for recorder, two candidates for county commis sioner, two candidates for county commis-sioner, two candidates for county auditor, and one candidate for coroner. Said dele-gates so chosen will also at the same time elect five delegates to the State convention to elect five delegates to the State convention to be held in Harrisburg. Pa., on June 14th, next; a chairman of the county committee to serve from the 1st day of January, 1900, party may require.

APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES. The number of delegates to which each election district is entitled as approved and ratified by the Democratic county committee on the 24th day of April, 1899, is as follows .

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E. P.	" M.P.
" W. P	" M. P " W. P
Hole Mann	W. F
Half Moon	Worth
Total85	

# PRIMARY OFFICERS.

The county chairman has made the following appointments for holding the coming primaries in the various voting precincts. Each election board will consist of the local chairman and two assistants, as follows:

Bellefonte N. W.—Ch., John Trafford; Ass'ts, Geo. Eberhart, John Dunlap. Bellefonte S. W.—Ch., P. H. Gerrity; Ass'ts, Bruce Garman, Ed. Brown Jr. Bellefonte W. W.—Ch., Geo. R. Meek; Ass'ts, W. Harrison Walker, L. H. McQuis

Centre Hall Boro.—Ch., J. G. Dauberman; Ass'ts, S. W. Smith, F. E. Arney. Howard Boro.—Ch., Abe Weber; Ass'ts, Joseph D. Diehl, W. R. Gardner. Milesburg Boro.—Ch., Jas. B, Noll; Ass'ts, Wm. Grafmyer, George Noll.

Millheim Boro.—Ch., Samuel Weiser, Jr.; Ass'ts, C. W. Albright, F. P. Musser Philipsburg 1st W.—Ch., J. W. Lukens; ass'ts, C. M. Lingle, H. D. Rumberger. Philipsburg 2nd W.—Ch., Ira B. Howe; Ass'ts, J. H. Eskridge, J. P. Johnston. Philipsburg 3rd W.—Ch., A. J. Graham; Ass'ts, Frank Hess, Harry Crain

State College Boro.—Ch., Reuben Glenn:
Ass'ts, Milton McDowell, Albert Hoy. South Philipsburg.—Ch., Harry Cameron; Ass'ts, William Heller, Morris Frank. Unionville Boro.—Ch., L. P. Brisbin; Ass'ts, J. Eugene Hall, Wm. Keatley. r N. P.-Ch., John Mechtley; Ass'ts, L. C. Rearick, A. C. Kelley. Benner S. P.-Ch., S. H. Hoy; Ass'ts, Sam'l Markle, Geo. Sweitzer.

Boggs N. P.—Ch., Henry Heaton; Ass'ts, William Brown, W. B. Confer. Boggs E. P.—Ch., J. J. Kelley; Ass'ts, G. H. Leyman, Frank Holt. Boggs W. P.—Ch., Lewis Aikey; Ass'ts. Joseph Fulmer, Edward Poorms Burnside,-Ch., A. V. Daugherty; Ass'ts, William Hipple, W. P. Meeker. College—Ch., J. A. Williams; Ass'ts, David M. Tate, Linn S. Bottorf. Curtin—Ch., Wm. J. Quay; Ass'ts, Peter Robb, Jr., N. J. McCloskey.

Ferguson E. P.-Ch., W. H. Fry:
Ass'ts, L. A. Smith, C. M. Johnson Ferguson W. P.—Ch., Samuel Harpster; Ass'ts, Geo. W. Keichline, J. H. Miller, Gregg N. P.—Ch. Geo. F. Weaver; Ass'ts, John White, John Orndorf; Gregg E P-Ch., Jas. C. Condo; Ass'ts, H. B. Herring, F. M. Fisher. Gregg W.P—Ch., John Smith;
Ass'ts, W. H. Smith, C. C. Barger.

Haines WP-Ch., Geo. W. Keister; Ass'ts, C. H. Stover, A. C. Hosterman. Haines E P-Ch., J. J. Orndorf; Ass'ts J. Z. Grenoble, R. E. Stover Half Moon-Ch., J. H. Griffin; Ass'ts, Isaac Bears, Wm. Baily. Harris-Ch., O. W. Stover; Ass'ts, Geo. Ishler, C. D. Moore Howard—Ch, G. D. Johnson; Ass'ts Joseph Dunkle, Robert Confer. Huston-Ch., Henry Hale; Ass'ts A. P. Irvin, James Murray.

Liberty—Ch., Chauncy DeLong;
Ass ts. J. I. Wagner, Richard Runner. -Ch., J. W. Orr; Ass'ts, George Harter, J. S. Condo. Miles E. P.-Ch. Dan'l H. Harter; Ass'ts, O. H. Wolf, A. N. Brumgard. Miles M. P.—Ch. C. J. Crouse;:
Ass'ts, Chas. H. Smull, H. A. Detwiler. Miles W. P.—Ch. Edward Miller; Ass'ts, Jacob A. Deitrlek, Jacob B. Hazle Patton—Ch. Thomas M. Huey.
Ass'ts, Wesley Biddle, Benner Meek. Penn-Ch. J. F. Garthoff; Ass'ts, A. L. Auman, John Krumrine. Potter S. P.-Ch. G. L. Goodhart; Ass'ts, John B. Fortney, Jos. M.

Potter N. P. Ch. Geo. H. Emerick; Ass'ts David Keller, Thomas Moore. Rush N. P.—Ch. W. E. Frank; Ass'ts J. B. Long, James Dumbleton. Rush S. P.—Ch. J. J. Wayne; Ass'ts, John Kennedy, Patrick Heffer Snow Shoe E. P.—Ch. Lawrence Redding; Ass'ts, Thomas Kelley, E. A. Humpton Snow Shoc W. P.—Ch. Wm. Kern; Ass'ts, J. A. B. Miller, Brady Beightol.

Spring N. P.—Ch. J. W. Hepburn:
Ass'ts, L. H Wian, James Carson. Spring S. P.,-Ch. Adam Hazel; Ass'ts, John Mulfinger, Harry Gentzel. Spring W. P.—Ch. Bruce Garbrick; Ass'st, D. F. Judge, C. M. Garbrick. -Ch. J. W. Beckwith; Ass'ts, J. T. Merriman, Allen Hoover

-Ch. John H. Stover; Ass'ts, Wm. B. Turner, S. K. Emerick. Walker E. P.—Ch. Ira C. Ohl; Ass'ts, A. A. Pletcher, Wm. Treaster. Walker M. P.-Ch. D. M. Whitman; Ass'ts, J. Z. Walkey, M. Zong. Walker W. P.—Ch. Wm. A. Royer: Ass'ts, A. L. Shaffer, N. C. Hockman.

Worth—Ch. A. J. Johnston; Ass'ts, G. R. Williams, Wm. Young.

For the Consideration of Democratic Tax

payers. From nearly every township in the

way. This fact shows that the people ap- disguised purpose of using them as trading preciate the importance of the office; that posts in the political campaign now ensuing they are awake to the slip-shod, careless in which McKinley is a candidate for reand extravagant manner in which it has election. It may be expected, too, that othbeen conducted during the past three er positions will be added as they are needyears, and fully understand who will have ed until a saturnalia of corrupt politics is to be taxed to make up for this extrava- the result.

Knowing these things there can be no excuse for a failure to select men for the about here the announcement that RUSSELL have grown up in that office and give us a for a lawyer explains a great many things. county administration that will be in the interest of the tax-payers.

At present the commissioners' office seems to be run in the interest of those conducting it and a horde of petty heelers who hang about it. There is neither economy in its management, nor business methods about any of its work. No attempt at keeping down expenditures are made, and district synods. The report shows twentyno thought given to the interest of the taxto the 1st day of January, 1901; and transact payers. That the demand for a change in such other business as the interests of the its management is universal, we don't payers. That the demand for a change in wonder. That it should be made there is

> And now is the time for Democrats to name candidates whose nomination will give assurance that these changes will be made. There are plenty of good men in the county to choose from. Some of them may not seek this office. They may not be soliciting it. There are good men who are, and there are plenty who are not. It don't matter from which of them you choose. It don't matter whether the man or men you think best fitted for the place is announced as a candidate or not, it is your previlege and duty to go to the primaries and instruct your delegates for those, and only those whom you know and believe are fitted, and will perform the duties of this office to the best advantage of all the people of the county. When you do this you will have done your duty and no one will have a right to complain.

It is an open choice now and the Democratic voters will have themselves to blame if they don't nominate men of the kind and character that will insure a better administration of that office, at a much less expense, than the Republican board that is now mismanaging it has given.

-There is great consolation in the knowledge that circuses will not follow in the craze for forming trusts. A successful trust means a one ringed affair and the modern circus is no good unless it has from two to three rings.

-A combination of a lot of manufacturers of fertilizers to form a trust looks as though they have made up their minds to pull the public leg even with such stinking stuff.

#### Showing His Inconsistency.

The WATCHMAN has never been a believer in the principles of civil service reform as attempted to be enforced by those professing faith in them. It has, however, admiration for the man or men, who, be lieving in them, has the honesty and courage to stand by that belief. Just as it has detestation for the individual or official, who, pledging his efforts to enforce those principles, turns his back upon them as soon as he sees or imagines personal benefit can be insured by such a course. Of the latter class President McKINLEY is now a shining example. Within the last two weeks he has promulgated an order exempting some 4,000 offices from the classified civil service list and thus the first step in the restoration of the former system has been taken. The struggle has been long, earnest and at with a detachment of troops started on a times exciting. The victory trembled in gunboat to investigate the affair. times exciting. The victory trembled in balance for more than a year. But in the end those seeking the defeat of civil service have triumphed, as it might have been known they would, and their victory is the more signal because it was obtained at the expense of so much labor. It is an irretrievable defeat of the efforts of those who are honostly struggling for what they believe to be reform, moreover, and that fact is not without significance. "A renegade is worse than ten Turks," and McKINLEY is not only a renegade but a backslider. He is now body and soul against the very principles he so earnestly professed to es-

This action on the part of the President is probably the most shameless exhibition of official turpitude in the history of the politics of the country. The Republican platform upon which McKinley ran for code and language adopted. President and was elected declared: "The civil service law was placed on the statute books by the Republican party, which has always sustained it, and we renew our repeated declarations that it shall be thoroughly and honestly enforced and extended wherever practicable." In his letter of acceptance Major McKINLEY responded to this "profession of faith" of the party in these words: "The pledge of the Republican National convention that our civil service laws shall be sustained and thoroughly and honestly enforced and extended wherever practicable, is in keeping with the position of the party for the past twentyfour years and will be faithfully observed." In view of this platform declaration and its treatment by the candidate what is the meaning of the order signed on Monday, not enforcing nor extending the civil service but curtailing it? It can have no other signification than the betrayal of the public and the surrender to the enemy of those who placed their trust in him.

The strongest supporters of Mckinley in the campaign of 1896 were the civil service reformers. That his record proved him weak and vacillating made no difference to them. He may have wobbled on other questions, they said, but on the matter of for the nomination of candidates for com- a fit answer to these expressions of confimissioner who will understand what the dence for an ulterior motive was never position requires, and be able to attend to more clearly revealed. These positions the affairs of the county in a business like are given over to his henchmen for the un-

-Without meaning anything personal in reference to the gentlemen of the bar position who will correct the wrongs that A. ALGER, Secretary of War, was educated

# How a Church Grows.

Interesting Report Made to the Lutheran General

YORK, Pa., May 29.—In the Lutheran general synod Rev. W. S. Hinman, D. D., of Chicago, statistical secretary, at this afternoon's session presented his report compiled from the parochial reports of the four district synods with 1,545 churches. Losses during the biennium, 25,570; accessions, 38,074, making the present communicant membership 192,299. The congregations own property valued at \$12,-129,943,21, on which the indebtedness is \$1,264,508. During the past two years \$2,713,390 were raised for local expenses, an increase of more than a quarter of million over the previous biennium. The contributions for missions and other benevolent work aggregated \$477,135. A total of \$3,229,908 was raised for all purposes. The Sunday school statistics show a membership of 186,695 scholars and 23,-625 officers and teachers. For local objects the Sunday schools contributed \$213,228 and for benevolence \$91.838. There are 47,439 members enrolled in the Young Peoples societies who contributed \$57.937 for local objects and \$21,950 for benevolence. Gratifying gains have been made in every department of the work.

The board of church extension was ther elected. With the exception of Rev. Clinton N. Walter, of York, being substituted for Rev. W. S. Hinman, D. D., of Chicago, the board remains the same as during the past biennium.

Rev. D. M. Gilbert, of Harrisburg, president of the board of trustees of the Tressler Orphans' Home at Loysville, Pa., presented his report, an abstract of which follows:

The report stated that the conditions and prospects of the home was never more encouraging. The health of the 160 children at the home has been uniformly good and through private gifts and the aid of the church additions, the needed alterations to buildings have been made and other contemplated improvements are fairly under way. A nursery building for the care of the very young children will be immediately erected, and in the direction of industrial training, a shoe factory has been fitted up and work on a small scale has been entirely satisfactory. The report further says that contributions have been asked for a fund for the erection of a \$1,000 needed has been subscribed and arrangements for its immediate erection are

# Insurgents Violate the White Flag.

Run It up as a Blind and then Fire Upon Captain Tilley and His Party.-Mutilate Seamen

MANILA, May 29.—Captain Tilley, the signal corps, with a detachment landed at Escalanto, on the island of Negros, to pick up and repair the cable. The natives had a white flag flying over the cable. The party were no sooner on shore than they were fired upon by the natives. Captain Tilley and one of the men threw themselves into the water. The commander of the Recorder put off from the bank to save it from being captured by the rebels.

Meanwhile a rain of bullets was falling all around the fugitives. The second mate was picked up by the launch just as he was sinking, but alive. He said the last he saw of Captain Tillev the latter was swimming feebly by his side.

Those on board the steamer could see the Malayse seamen taken by the natives, flogged and cut to pieces. General Smith

An order has been issued re-establishing the Philippine courts, which have been closed since the American occupation. It revives all the Spanish system not conflicting with the sovereignty of the United States.

The oath begins: "I recognize and ac cept the supreme authority of the United States of America, etc."

The Filipino members are all prominent lawyers. Chief Justice Arrellono is the leader of his profession in the islands. In the early stages of the Filipino movement he was Aguinaldo's principal adviser. Avanita was a member of Aguinaldo's first cabinet. Milliza was president of the insurgent government at Iloilo; Torres is the leader of the local committee working with the commission to conciliate the insurrec-

Spanish will be the official language of the courts, though there had been agitation among British and American business men

#### A Good Start Made.

HAVANA, May 29 .- To-day's event in connection with the payment of the Cuban troops entitled to apply here for a share in the American gratuity have effectually killed off the opposition to the receipt of the bounty by privates. In American military circles it is considered that a good start has been made and that the opposition is defeat-

Three hundred privates arrived during the day to apply for payment; but owing to the time occupied with each man only 112 could be paid during the interval.

Admiral Much Improved in Health, Although He Still Declines Social Invitations

Hong Kong, May 30.-Since his arrival here on May 23rd, on board his flag-

Mediterranean Sea. George of Greece. The Olympia is being painted white, instead of the dark slate

The plague is likely to complicate the home-coming of Admiral Dewey. Various governments have already declared severe quarantine regulations contains the extravagant bills for which were vetoed by Governor Hastings. The reasoning that struck down the widow's appropriation would have been fatal to the \$5,000 voted the Quay heeler. Egyptian Red Sea ports and Hong Kong.

# In Far Manila.

The Graves of the Dead Decorated by Their Comrades MANILA, May 30.-7.50 P. M.-Memorial Day was celebrated at Battery Knoll, where Scott's guns were planted against the Filipino trenches in the first day's fighting at Manila. Nearly 300 soldiers lie buried there on a bleak mound surrounded by rice fields, rough boards marking the graves, which are ranged in five unbroken rows. Beyond these are

which were mown by shells from the American guns. The few soldiers who could be spared from the trenches came to Battery Knoll, dusty and bronzed, bearing flowers with which to strew their comrades' graves. A silk flag was placed above each mound. The day was as mild as a New England spring day, when just before sunset a few hundred Americans gathered in a circle around Battery Knoll, in blue and brown.

# Canal Report In.

Admiral Walker Submits Findings on Nicaragua

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Rear Admiral Walker, chairman of the Nicaraguan Canal commission, submitted to the President today the report of the commission on the cost of the proposed waterway and the route which should be followed in its construc-

The President will announce on Wednesday the names of the Isthmian commission and will direct its immediate organization in order that it can proceed to Color on a steamer and begin its work by making an inspection of the route. In the fall it will examine the Nicaraguan route and continue the examination just completed by the commission which has concluded its

Upon the receipt of the report the President referred it to the state department and the authorities will determine the propriety of making it public before Congress convenes. The commission is in favor of the Lull route modified at several points as presented by the Childs route, and it is sufficiently distinctive to be given a new name, such as the Walker route. The estimate of cost on this route is fixed at about

# Seven Drowned in the Yukon.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 29 .- The steamer City of Topeka, from Alaska. brings news & Chapman wreeking company. of the drowning of seven men on the England, and a man named Rhodes. The of all demands for their services. chapel and that fully one-half of the dent from a distance, but were unable to naval service, and the other to preserve posted a notice warning travelers not to attempt to go down the river.

practicable, as a souvenir of the recent war.

#### McKinley's Bonus to the Place Hunters

From the Pittsburg Post.

Civil service reform is faring rather hard these days from both the Federal and State administrations. Governor Stone has been emoving state officials right and left to make room for Quay workers and heelers, and the report comes from Harrisburg that under his direction a number of them have been directed to abandon their official duties and go to Tioga county to help the Quayites carry that county for delegates to e State convention. All the pulls the alert Stone can handle are in full play to elect State delegates. There is no question that the ex-senator will have a big majority of the convention, and appoint his own State chairman and candidates for superior and supreme judges. Mr. Quay takes as nuch interest in the selection of judges as

he does of jurymen, when put to it.

President McKinley's order directing a raid on the Federal civil service was promulgated yesterday. The order takes from the classified service—to which appointments are made after merit examinationsome 4,000 Federal officeholders brought within the civil service rules by President Cleveland. Various excuses will be put forth for this repudiation of the personal oledges of Mr. McKinley and the platform of his party; but, getting to the gist of the matter, it is the old spoils game and priniple that dominates. Democrats are not pecially aimed at, although they will generally suffer but the transfer of the 4 000 offices into the spoils lottery is to meet the nungry demands of State bosses who find themselves unable to honor the clamor of their retainers. For instance, under the reform Quay or any other boss could not appoint; his favorites had to stand the mertest of competitive examination. But with the rules changed by President Mc-Kinley merit does not count, and favoritsm or factional service rules the day.

For one who pledged himself that civil service reform would take no step backward in his administration, President Mcand American lawyers to have the English | Kinley takes the back track with a vengeance, and in the most brutal way.

With the largely increased patronage in his hauds by the war in the Philippines and militarism generally one would have thought the President should rest content. On the contrary he is more rapacious and his followers more hungry than when there

were fewer offices.

We fancy this last raid on the reform, with those that have preceded it, opens the way to a state funeral of the civil service and merit systems. With McKinley's examples, and fully as numerous and hungry a class of importunates, future Presidents and parties will be quite willing to abandon civil service reform in its entirety. The Ohio man, true to his geographical instinct, sets the pace. The spoils system is here to stay, reinforced with new life and vigor.

#### Economy that Don't Economize.

From the Pittsburg Post. An instance of the sincerity of Govship, the United States cruiser Olympia, vernor Stone's high-sounding professions Admiral Dewey has improved in health, but he still refuses all invitations of a American." The Governor vetoed a propsocial nature. The admiral has also re-linquished all offcial duty on board the Olympia. The date of his departure for nome is still uncertain, his intention be- sion of 1897. This appropriation the Goving to remain here until he has thoroughly recuperated, although he may leave in a unpaid accounts of the Legislature of two week. The air of the high ground here is years ago ought not be paid for by the much cooler than it will be found at any Legislature of this year. The widow, place between Hong Kong and the therefore, was refused the money due her Mediterranean Sea. therefore, was refused the money due her husband. Subsequently the governor, The program for the Olmpia's voyage to who thus filed his caveat against the the United States has not been determined, widow's payment, attached his signature county we have had words of commendation for the WATCHMAN's appeal last week, to Athens to pay his respects to King ter county, for services rendered by that politician as sergeant-at-arms of the legislative committees at the session of 1897,

# Old Time Ideas are Waning.

From the Pittsburg Post.

There is something that stirs the blood in General Wade Hampton's declining a proposed gift by citizens of the South to relace the home recently destroyed by an incendiary fire. Formerly of great wealth, General Hampton is a very old and a very poor man who has served his country with listinction in both war and peace, does not think such services entitle him to public support when he can do nothing in return. In his letter declining the gift putting the business men's boss catcher the veteran says:
"It is the duty of every citizen to serve his

Spanish block houses and bamboo hedges, State whenever called upon to do so, and his sole reward should be the consciousable to serve my State in any manner, I only discharged my duty in doing so, and am amply compensated for any service rendered by their verdict of "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Recalling a pension roll never equaled in ancient or modern times, nearing \$150,-000,000 a year and rapidly growing, General Hampton's reminder that every man owes his best to his country has an air of novelty. Dosen't it sound a little visionary, or is the fault with the times and the loss of old-time virtues?

# A Pig Iron Famine Likely.

iron is threatened and the manufacturers may feel the effects of it within a few days if the iron workers can be believed. week it is predicted that surplus will be wiped out and the consumption will exceed the supply. The reserve on April 1st, 1896, amounted to, 1,092,113 tons. On the corresponding date of 1898 it amounted to 814,051 tons, and on the first of last April the surplus had been reduced to 302.628 tons. The cause is the abnormal increase in the consumption, which is 34 per cent. greater than one year ago. All the furnaces are now running to the full capacity, and the condition which confronts the manufacturers is said to be serious.

# Accepts Reina Mercedes.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—The navy dethe navy yard at Norfork to accept the Spanish prize Mercedes from the Merrit

Chapman company will receive \$75,000 Mabarg, of New York; David Peters, of from the government as payment in full "Lullaby" and Dr. Lee B. Wood-

reach the men in time. The police have her in her original condition, so far as

#### Famine in Africa

It is Working Havoc-Tales of Painful Suffering Are

PHILADELPHIA, May 29. - Reports received by the Philadelphia Missionary council indicate that a famine is working havoe in inland Africa, not far from the east coast. The council which has its headquarters at Coatsville, Pa., exercises an oversight over the Africa inland mission and messages from missionaries on the field tell tales of painful suffering which they

are powerless to alleviate. No picture of the suffering appears to have reached the outside world and the missionary council has decided to call public attention to the conditions. In a letter just received from Willis R. Hotchkiss, a

missionary at Kangundo, he says:
"It is impossible for this condition of things to greatly improve inside of a year, at least. Even though a harvest should result this season, it will be eaten up before it is ripe, as it was last season. So we beg you to do something and do it quickly, for these men and women are dying while you

#### ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

-The pupils of St. John's school are getting ready to give a first class entertainment in Garman's opera house on the evening of June 27th.

-The Philadelphia Times yesterday morning published a very excellent picture of Calvin M. Bower, Centre county's choice for judge of the Supreme court.

-The engagement of Mr. Frederick Allport Dale, eldest son of Dr. J. Y. Dale, of Lemont, and Miss Caroline Maud Kern was announced in Thursday's Philadelphia papers.

----While coasting on his bicycle near the engineering building at State College yesterday afternoon Prof. Leete fell from his machine and was badly hurt. His arm was broken and he was painfully cut about his head.

-Insurance agent Robert F. Hunter caught a fifteen inch trout on Tuesday evening and those who know Bob's skill as a fisherman may look to other causes than neuralgia if an extra swelling is observed about his cranium these days.

---- During the storm on Monday afternoon lightning struck the Hughes residence at the Academy, Frank Montgomery's house on Linn street and splintered up one of the trees in the court house park. No one was hurt by either of the

-An unexpected ignition of gas that nad accumulated in the tar vat at the Bellefonte gas works enveloped William Clark in flames, on Tuesday night, and severely burned him. The gas became ignited by a torch he was carrying in his hands.

--- It is now five weeks and more since the arches on High street welcomed the visiting Odd Fellows and, if those who are unsightly skeletons we would suggest that council sell them for kindling wood and that immediately.

-Charles Boone and Thomas McCloskey, two Romola men who had been working in the lumber woods are at home nursing injuries. The former was struck on the shoulder by a falling limb and the latter had his leg broken by a rolling log, while working on a job out near Empor-

-While playing base ball on "the Meadow," last Thursday evening, grocer Herbert Sheffer received two knock-outs. He had scarcely recovered from being struck in the stomach by a ball when a fly struck him on the nose, breaking it and clean out of business for the time being.

----During the absence of Daniel Grove ness of having fulfilled that obligation. If and his family from their home east of my fellow-citizens think that I have been Lemont, last Monday, thieves entered the house and broke open three chests, a bureau and examined the beds. That they wanted money only is evidenced by the fact that jewelry and valuable trinkets were left undisturbed. The house was entered by cutting away a portion of a window sash and removing the fastening from it.

-Miss Lititia Thomas Landis and Henry Chandler, cashier of the Wilmington, Del., bank were married at the brides' home in Berwyn, near Philadelphia, CLEVELAND, May 29.—A famine of pig yesterday and went immediately to New York, where part of the honey-moon will be spent. The wedding was a quiet home surplus supply of pig is now but three days affair, on account of the recent death of ahead of the consumption and within a Mr. Chandler's father, with only a few guests present. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Landis and is so well known here, her life long home with the exception of the last few years, that she has many friends who wish her the best that life can give.

THE MUSICAL.—The musical given Tuesday night at John P. Harris' was not only a gratifying success, financially, to is promoter, Mrs. Frank Warfield, who realized fifty dollars for the W. C. T. U., but it was a treat, musically and socially, to all those who were present. All the numbers partment instructed the commandant of of the program were enthusiastically received and were so widely different that favoritism seemed general. Miss Hench, of Under their contract the Merritt & Harrisburg, sang exceptionally well and her "Ziz-zee zee Zum" with Mr. Cramer's England, and a man named Knodes. The party left Dawson April 21, with a bag of gold. At the White river, eight miles from Dawson, they broke through the ice.

Mounted policemen witnessed the accicock's "Celeste" were accorded the laurels club, Miss Neubaker, Miss Vida Miller, of Bloomsburg, and Rev. T. Levan Bickle. were all obliged to respond to encores.