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The early bird does not catch the worm now—it catches a cold.
Mrs. Ench, of Iron street, is the possessor of a cat which has on it no less than eighty-five heads.

It is said that cat flowers can be kept in good condition for a week, by placing the stems in camellia water.

An act of the present Legislature, compelling meetings will have the authority and power to employ a police force to guard their meetings.

A word to wives—You can make your husband spring by presenting him the bill for a spring house.

The new trial of Frank Bannish is set down for the 25th inst., and that of Dr. Trimmer, Gaughan and Welch for the 29th.

There is said to be much snow on the mountains, and this is the reason why the wind is so cold when from any direction but the south.

The bill making appropriation for the Bloomsburg Normal School, which was favorably reported by the Senate Committee.

The mail carrier between this place and Banton, Columbia county, took his mail upon his back this week and traveled foot the round trip—Money Lammie.

A coal train on the L. & E. R. R. ran off the track on Tuesday night near Danville and ten cars were smashed. The Wednesday morning mail train was delayed about two hours.

The latest slang is "go get your hair cut"—Zephyrus.
Beware, you soul, that isn't slang, is reasonable advice.

The Rev. J. S. McElroy, Pastor of the M. E. Church officiated for the first time on Sunday last. We are informed that the congregation was well pleased with their new minister.

M. V. Eaker's new laundry is doing a good business and giving general satisfaction to its patrons. Families having their washing done out should give him a trial.

A horse attached to a cart floated down the river, last Sunday, and came to the shore near the ferry at this place. It is said that the animal fell overboard at Wilkes Barre.

One of Dr. McKelvey's horses took fright whilst standing tied to a post in Light Street, on Monday, and ran away, dragging the buggy somewhat. The horse was not materially injured.

R. M. Tubb, of the *Nonantum*, was in town last week. He is very anxious of the future prosperity of Shicklesville, as Charles Parrish has purchased a coal mine there, and purposes to erect a new bridge across the river.

The authorities have at last prevailed upon the proprietor of a certain lot on Third Street to put down a wall that is possible. If it had been done six months ago it would have been much better.

C. M. Brown has removed his Boot and Shoe store from the basement of Brown's Hotel to the room first door above Sharpless & Wagonseller's, where he will be glad to see all his old customers and many new ones.

The recent rain has started the grass and given a decidedly green color to the fields. The loads on the mule teams have swollen nearly to bursting and, in fact, it does begin to look like spring.

We understand that the tannery, belonging to the Snyder estate, recently destroyed by fire, is to be put in such condition as to admit of its use for business and that it will be occupied by Mr. Herring until the expiration of his lease.

Danville is suffering from the ravages of incendiaries, three fires in three successive days having been caused by these miscreants. In one case the building was destroyed; in the others the flames were extinguished before much damage was done.

We have received from R. H. Forestal & Co., 225 5th St., Philadelphia a neat little pamphlet of seventy pages, entitled "Pocket Guide for the use of Centennial Visitors." It gives the principal places of interest in the city and will be of value to those attending the Centennial.

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We at Harrisburg know only of Mr. Scott's public life. In 1856 he came here as canal commissioner on one of the last boards of that commission that existed. This position he filled with honor to himself and credit to the State, nor was there heard a whisper of suspicion as to his integrity. For several periods thereafter Mr. Scott appeared in the Legislature and always with credit to himself and his constituents. At the time of his death he was Associate Judge in the district. He was president of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Society and a prominent member of the Centennial Commission for his State; nor did there seem to be a more active man of his age (about sixty) to be found anywhere, when a few weeks ago the writer of this notice saw him and greeted him as he passed through the city in the cars. Truly may it be repeated that it would be difficult to conceive of a more sudden shock to the community than the announcement of the death of so "living" a man, so to speak, as the Hon. George Scott. In the very midst of his usefulness and when just about receiving and accepting the just reward of a valuable and well spent life, a faithful public servant and a worthy man has departed from among us. Peace to his ashes!—*Pittsburgh*.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.—The opening of the New Normal Hall will take place on Wednesday, April 29th, at ten o'clock a. m. Addresses will be delivered by ex-Governor James Pollock, Dr. J. P. Wickham, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and others. The grounds of Bloomsburg will be the scene of the exercises. The spring term will open on Thursday, April 27th, and continue twelve weeks.

Periodically their appears an article in the "COLUMBIAN" on "our post office." Had the "column" failed anything to do with the "column" of last week? Or is it an article clipped from some of the back files of the "COLUMBIAN"? It reads very much like some of the "column" of last week.

The "column" with regard to the post office in this place is "our post office." It is not confined to an individual. If the postmaster were occasionally to drop in to the post office, he would speedily ascertain that the feeling is almost unanimous among the better class of citizens, that the post office as at present conducted is a nuisance. This opinion has been expressed time and time again, and by persons who are entitled to respectful consideration. The postmaster is either too lazy or too indifferent to do any share of the office work, and puts the entire business on the shoulders of his clerk. For this cause mails which ought to be distributed in fifteen minutes, require from half to three quarters of an hour to sort, and business men are compelled to lose valuable time in needless waiting. Mr. Keefe, the clerk, is willing and obliging and does his work well, but he has in addition to do the work of his chief. There are facts which are not to be denied. Another objectionable feature is the toleration of crowds of boys, who do not get mail, but who crowd into the mail and uncomfortable room, render those in waiting, and make the post office a nuisance. If the postmaster made less frequent visits to Harrisburg and Washington on political errands and devoted less time to the manipulation of party affairs at home, the people would be better served, and he would be about as far ahead at the end of the year as he is under the present system.

We need distinctly that if the postmaster would assist in the distribution of mails, and keep his inconvenient office free from crowds of children, he would greatly oblige the public and the post office would cease to be what it is now, most decidedly—a nuisance.

"The CHRISTIAN is the best paper I get," says Mr. Spurgeon, the great London preacher. This large 16 page, illustrated paper monthly will be sent post paid three months to any address for 10 cents, or to minister free, by the publishers, H. L. Hastings, Boston, Mass. April 14—

Many of our readers will be sorry to learn of the destruction by fire of old St. Gabriel's Church, in Sugarloaf township, which occasioned on Sunday morning, April 9th. Service was to have been held in the church on that day and a fire had been kindled in the stove for the purpose of warming the building, the flames from which communicated to the woodwork. St. Gabriel's was one of the oldest churches in this county.

"Union in Christ" is an excellent union, undiminished illustrated monthly, 60 cents a year, 25 cents to ministers and agents. Sent on Trial Three Months Free with best terms to agents. Address H. A. King, 337 Park Row, New York Box 2289, April 14—

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As there has been no snow this winter, of course there have been no sledging parties and, as a natural sequence, hat keeping has not been very profitable during the season, in this section at least. The wind has been tempered to the storm-lamb—in other words nobody has had any money and the demands on pocket books have been few.

The *Brown Weekly* has the following item: "A new mill, owned by Daniel Hest, in the northern extremity of Sugarloaf township, was destroyed by fire last week."

During the game on Friday last, the roof was blown off a barn owned by Benjamin F. Savage, in Jackson township.

We omitted to notice the death of Bernard H. Stohrer, son of Bernard Stohrer, which took place on the 6th inst. He was but little more than eighteen years of age and was a young man of much promise. He had been for years a sufferer from rheumatism but the cause of his death we understand was consumption. His parents have our earnest sympathy.

James Bittenbender, a young man living at Beaver Valley has invented a rail road gate, which, it is claimed, works admirably. The gate opens for trains and closes after they have passed, and this without any regard to the length of the train. The gate is cheap and durable and if in perfect in its workings as represented will prove a valuable invention. We have not heard whether Mr. Bittenbender has applied for a patent.

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A large tannery at Rupert, owned by Snyder's heirs, and worked by G. A. Herring of Bloomsburg was destroyed by an incendiary on Tuesday evening, and burned to the ground, with all its contents—*Pittsburgh Standard*.

Not exactly. That fire was all our own and we object to having it located in Rupert.

We were shown, a few days ago, a very fine trout from the ponds of Hon. E. J. McHenry, at Stillwater. They measured thirteen and a half and fourteen inches respectively, and were seven inches in circumference. Mr. McHenry has some 700 of the speckled beauties in his ponds.

A horse attached to a buggy in which were three young ladies, became frightened in East Street, last Sunday afternoon, and ran at headlong speed down Main street until opposite Steiner's new building, below Market, where the men ran out and stopped the fugitive. The horse was badly scared, but no damage was done.

The *Seranton Times* gives the following startling information: The potato bugs are found by myriads in the ground this spring, one party reporting that in digging post holes he came upon several of them, but by the full fall, they are likely to be, and bid fair to make their inroads this season. By all means let the *Lancaster Intelligencer* man send up that unfailing recipe for the annihilation of potato bugs.

The late Samuel Cressy, of Milford, had accumulated before his death a collection of gold and silver coins, which he had an opportunity to inspect recently. The gold coins are mostly of United States coinage, there was one English sovereign in the collection and a Spanish piece of the time of Charles III and 1772. The silver coins were principally Mexican dollars, in remarkably good preservation, halves and quarters.

Hon. George Scott was born, February 21st 1814, and was therefore but little over 62 years of age at the time of his death. The funeral on Friday last was very largely attended, nearly 500 persons, from a distance having come to pay their last respects to the departed. The members of the bar of this county attended in a body. The pall bearers were Hon. Wm. Elwell, Charles R. Buckle, Robert F. Clark, John G. Freese, E. H. Little and Samuel Knorr