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The Artemus Ward articles will be resumed next week.

On the inside pages will be found a synopsis of the news of the past week, and the general markets.

The council of the Lutheran church have decided that the new parsonage be wired for electric light.

Much damage has been done by high water in different parts of the country.

The Mt. Carmel News has been greatly improved in appearance. It is printed on a new Cottrell press.

The Y. M. C. A. has rented Dentler's hall and rooms on the second floor for reading rooms.

The Young People's Guild of St. Paul's church purpose having an entertainment in the Opera House after Lent, called "The District School."

THE COLUMBIAN at \$1.00 a year is the cheapest paper printed in the county. It is the largest, the oldest, and the best. Try it.

The contract for the Tube Works building has been awarded to Thomas Gorrey for \$8000. Work will be commenced soon.

The New Farmers National Bank of Bloomsburg purchased a burglar proof vault last week of E. C. Morris & Co. of Boston of which George M. Baker is the agent. It was assisted by the general agent from Boston, Mr. A. McGreger.

If you have anything to sell; if there is anything you want to buy; if you want a position; if you want help; in fact if there is anything you want the public to know, advertise in THE COLUMBIAN. Rates as low as the lowest.

The pupils of Miss Armstrong's school were treated to a supper in the school on Monday evening. Miss Armstrong is a popular teacher, and her school is in a prosperous condition.

Humphrey Parker, of Millville died on the 11th inst., aged 71 years. Four sons survive him. He at one time owned the Millville stage route, and was proprietor of the Millville hotel.

Having secured a resident correspondent at Harrisburg, we will publish weekly an interesting letter from the state capital during the remaining sessions of the legislature, and will also give as much of the legislative proceedings as space will permit.

The Farmers' National Bank has leased the two rooms in the corner of Mrs. Ent's building. The floor will be lowered, an Ohio stone pavement will be laid, and handsome office furniture and fixtures put in. Frank A. Ikeler, the cashier, is spending some time in the Berwick Bank, getting points in the business.

John Bush's tavern at Jamison City was destroyed by fire on Tuesday night. His house adjoining was saved. Three men were sleeping in the building at the time and they barely escaped. The origin of the fire is unknown. It happened about midnight. The insurance amounts to \$3100.

Grant Herring desires to announce, that all clients desiring to have business attended to during his absence at the session of the legislature, will find competent persons at his office to attend to the same. Those desiring to see Mr. Herring in person, may do so on Saturday and Monday of each week.

Owing to the fact that the seams were too wide, and the brick were not laid straight, architect Wagner ordered all the brick work that has been done on the New Court House this week to be taken down, and this was done on Thursday. The county commissioners propose to have the work done right.

Mrs. M. A. Watson having removed her millinery store from Mrs. Ent's building to Moyer's building below Market street and next door to Salzer's music store would be pleased to see her old customers and as many new ones as may favor her with their patronage. New Spring styles just received.

M. A. WATSON, Main St.

Clinton E. son of Wm. B. and Martha J. Savage of Espy, died after a few days illness on Monday evening the 16th inst., at the age of 9 months and 15 days. The funeral services were held on Thursday following at 2 p. m. The sermon was preached by Rev. A. R. Glaze in the Lutheran to a large audience from the text in Deut. 8:16. The many friends sympathize with the family in their sore bereavement.

LETTER FROM MR. TEWKSBURY.

MESSRS EDITORS:
In the perusal of your paper of the 13th, inst. I find a very sensible communication, signed B. A. Hartman, Fishing creek, Pa. Mr. Hartman, "asks permission in his article to interrogate Messrs Krickbaum and Tewksbury, whether they are under any obligations to any railroad company and whether they ride to and from Harrisburg on free passes." This so far as I am aware is the first time in history of the politics of our county that the question as to railroad passes has been publicly asked.

To all who have privately asked me the question, I have without any reserve answered, and will also answer Mr. Hartman, should he personally or by letter inquire of me, but I do not deem it proper to force me to a public statement in the papers. I thought my constituents knew my views, generally upon all the questions which entered into the last campaign. The platform adopted by the convention which nominated me, I heartily endorsed and shall try to stand upon. Should Mr. Hartman or any number of the people of the county deem it proper, and persist in my giving answer to his question, I will do so, regardless of the consequences to myself or others. Should the Democratic County Committee of Columbia Co. desire it or require it, at the end of my term of office or any time, I am ready to give even a financial account of my Stewardship.

Having no newspaper of my own, I must depend upon the kindness of the several newspapers of the County, (they have each and all been supplied by me with the Legislative Record) to make known my votes, and legislative acts, I shall of course make mistakes but the public will judge, "whether they be of the head or the heart." I trust when my term of service expires, that it will not be said of me, "he was a regular rooster," or that, "he was as corrupt as—"

Mr. Hartman I believe to be sincere in his questions, honestly seeking for information, but I am aware that there is and has been, before and since my election, a certain very small clique, having their hind quarters in a certain back end of a back office in this county that has been trying to provoke me into a newspaper discussion. I am therefore the more disposed to answer privately, at least for the present all such questions as that asked by friend Hartman.

Very truly yours,
E. M. TEWKSBURY.

LIGHT STREET.

Rev. Whitney is still holding protracted meeting at the M. E. Church. Thus far there has been near three score converted.

Mr. Chas. Eckroth was married on Tuesday last to Miss Emma Irvin of this place at Danville. The usual ceremony indulged by the boys on their return.

William Custer and wife of Benton spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents.

J. I. Custer of Wilkesbarre was at home on Sunday.

Mrs. Samuel Pullin of Shickshinny was at home with her parents over Sunday.

Mrs. W. I. Terwilliger is visiting friends in town.

Mr. A. C. Kiem is visiting at Bethlehem where he had gone to attend the funeral of his aunt.

Miss Clara Ent is visiting at Berwick.

Miss Mary Grimes of Catawissa spent a few days in town.

Miss Lizzie White of Weston, Ohio is visiting friends in this county.

Mrs. Clark Musselman is on the sick list.

VICINITY OF TAURUS.

The frost is coming out of the ground which reminds the farmers that spring is approaching.

There is considerable sickness in the surrounding community. It acts something like the grip.

The roads are very muddy and in some places are breaking up, which makes travel quite disagreeable.

Along with the natural laws of life, our neighbor, Mr. Z. Kile, was called to mourn the loss of the death of his daughter. He buried her at the Fairmount Springs cemetery last Thursday, at which place funeral services were held. Such circumstances are always very sad for those who are left behind, but we ought to console ourselves with the thought that our loved ones are better off in heaven than here on earth.

We sympathize with the friends, and hope that they may be comforted, by the hope of one day meeting in an unbroken family circle that shall never be broken again.

JERSEY TOWN.

Rev. H. K. Binkley of Reading spent Saturday and Sunday with Rev. W. G. Engle.

Mr. Decker is visiting friends at Elysburg and Shamokin this week.

Dr. T. J. Swisher who has been sick for the past month, we learn is much better, and will soon be out visiting his patients.

Rev. A. W. Decker closed his revival meetings on Sunday night, last.

Mr. B. A. White from Lightstreet was seen in our town on Tuesday eve.

Mr. J. B. Hartman drove over from Benton on Sunday to pay Dr. T. J. Swisher a visit.

Mr. J. H. Axe from Michigan is visiting his brother Judson Axel the past month.

Mr. Wm. Sheep and wife drove over from Bloomsburg and stopped at Mr. A. K. Smith's returning home on Monday.

Mr. Phineas Welliver and wife who have been away on a wedding tour returned home on the noon train on Tuesday.

JAMISON CITY.

Among the visitors to this town last Monday were Sheriff Casey, A. L. Fritz and Geo. E. Elwell. Vice President Wigfall came up the same day by special train in charge of General Manager Leader, accompanied by two gentlemen from Philadelphia.

Notwithstanding the heavy rains of last week, there is still some snow in the mountains.

Mr. Zenders has moved from the Inn and taken rooms over Proctor's store.

The City Hotel is open for the accommodation of guests.

A. B. Herring is doing a great deal of building in this section. He has several buildings under way.

The sheriff's sale of the property of the Fishing creek Lumber Co. which is advertised for Saturday of this week is expected to take place without further delay. There have been several postponements. It is rumored that Thomas E. Proctor may become the purchaser of the saw mill. If this be true, and I hope it is, it will make things boom up here.

The Manor Rest Inn is still closed, but I am informed that the company expects to put a tenant in soon.

WALLER.

Ira Everhart, of Berwick, visited his parents of this place a few days last week.

There was a great deal of interest taken in the election and some very close voting done; but all seem satisfied with the result.

Miss Mazie Yorks and John Miller were united in the bonds of holy matrimony last Wednesday by W. L. Yorks, Esq.

The roads are beginning to get bad and it makes quite a lull in business, as there has been a great deal of hauling done through here this winter.

Our mail now comes from Rhorsburg and it is necessary for it to make a long circuit before reaching us. Before we had railroads so near to us we received the county papers on Friday morning, and now they come Saturday night. Yet we must call all these things improvements; but if such improvements are kept up we will joyfully welcome the good old times again.

Mrs. B. F. Savage departed this life on Saturday after a long illness. She had been blind for the past few years.

Rev. S. I. Shortiss is holding a very enthusiastic meeting at the Hess church near Guava.

LEGAL MATTERS.

Estate of Geo. W. Smith, late of Jackson township, John F. and Charles J. Smith, executors.

Letters of administration in the estate of W. E. Smith deceased, have been taken out by B. F. Crispin Jr. of Berwick.

Letters testamentary in the estate of Margaret J. Teets deceased, have been taken out by S. W. Dickson Esq. of Berwick.

Estate of Robert Fruit, late of Madison township, Mary C. Fruit, administratrix.

Estate of J. P. Sands will be audited March 21st at office of R. Buckingham, auditor.

A number of people saw a bright light towards the south on Tuesday night about seven o'clock. It was caused by the collision of oil tank cars near Gordon on the P. & R. railroad. Four engines, five oil cars and three freight cars were demolished, and the loss is \$100,000. The oil caught fire from the engines, and one of the tank cars exploded, which caused the light seen from here.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Special Correspondence to the COLUMBIAN.
HARRISBURG, Feb. 25, 1891.

The Burdick Pipe Bill has received a black eye, at least for the present. On Friday last it was reported negatively in the House, and the supposition was that the author would make an effort last evening to have it again placed on the calendar. The House, however, waded through a lot of petitions and remonstrances in this, that and the other thing, but never once was the Burdick bill mentioned. Mr. Burdick had counted noses, and found that he could not get 103 votes, the constitutional majority, to further his ends. But this does not by any means dispose of his measure. He can have another chance on Friday. The Standard Oil Company is strongly opposing the bill, but there are equally strong influences, although probably not as well financially heeled, in its favor. Among the latter is Senator Emery, and when he enlists for a fight it means that he is in to the finish. Some hints have been dropped to your correspondent that the bill is killed, but a day or two will develop whether, such prognostications are worthless.

A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Mr. Wherry's bill for the holding of a Constitutional Convention was favorably reported in the House yesterday. It calls for the election of 176 members, and arranges for the salary of these beforehand. The most important measure which will claim the consideration of the body, if it ever meets, will be that of ballot reform; but there are equally important matters, first of all that of putting in force all the provisions of the Constitution of 1873, many of which have never been enforced, or at least no penalty has been attached to the violation of these provisions. Of what use is a constitution if year after year it is deliberately violated by the law-makers? Isn't it a travesty on both constitution and law?

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION.

Mr. John Norris of the Philadelphia Record, was before the House Committee on Judiciary General yesterday afternoon in advocacy of the Anti-Discrimination bill introduced by Mr. Senor, of Allegheny county. He is a quiet unpretentious talker, but fluent and interesting nevertheless, and his argument was certainly a strong one. Norris is a combative man from away back, and keeps hammering at anything he undertakes until at least a recognition of the merits of the measure are listened to and in more than one instance conceded. He is about the last man in the world one would take for a pugilist in an argument, but in common parlance he frequently "gets there all the same."

TAXING COAL PROPERTY.

The bill taxing the owners of the anthracite and bituminous coal fields one-half cent per ton on all coal mined was called upon final passage in the House yesterday, and was defeated by a vote of 99 yeas to 67 nays, a constitutional majority, 103, not having voted in its favor. Mr. Davis of Schuylkill, who has charge of the bill, succeeded in having the vote reconsidered, and it was then postponed for the present. The bill is intended to create a relief fund for disabled or injured miners, and in cases of death provides a pension of \$8 per month to the widows and \$2 per month to each child under 14 years of age. What its fate will eventually be is hard to say, for the reason that it is antagonized by the Legislative Committee of the Knights of Labor, who favor another measure, which they say will bring almost similar results, and be not beneficial only to the miners but operators as well.

THE APPROPRIATIONS.

Auditor General McCamant estimates that the receipts for the next two years from all sources will be \$6,250,000, and the expenditures, including \$400,000 borrowed for the Johnston sufferers, \$5,530,000, leaving less than \$1,000,000 for appropriations to other and necessary purposes. Already bills to the amount of over \$11,000,000 have been introduced, and what the appropriation committee will do under the circumstances is hard to conceive. Then, too, after they get through, and the bills should pass the legislature, these will have to encounter the pruning knife of Governor Pattison, and the tax payers can rest assured it will be exercised with salutary effect.

A NEW CAPITOL.

The new Capitol scheme bobs up secretly. It does so every session in one shape or another. There are two classes of advocates this time—one for an entire new building, the other for enlarging the old structure. The fact is, the present building is large

enough, good enough and handsome for all practical purposes. Why not reduce the number of legislators, the many useful attaches and other employees on the Hill, and there will be an abundance of room for fifty years to come. A building commission is one of the pet schemes of the advocates of a new Capitol. Philadelphia has a building commission, and it has a new City Hall, not yet completed, which has already cost some \$15,000,000. The people of Pennsylvania will think long and deliberately before they want a building commission for the erection of a new Capitol. The republican bosses, rounders, repeaters and thieves of Philadelphia and Pittsburg have had a glorious harvest with other people's money, and it is not likely the tax payers of the rest of the State will permit these fellows to get their hands any deeper into their treasury, for rest assured, like the buzzards which scent the carrion from afar, these cormorants will be on hand when a new Capitol is to be built.

THE GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION.

Governor and Mrs. Pattison will give their first reception to-morrow evening at the Executive Mansion. They will be assisted in receiving by Lieutenant Governor Watres, Attorney General Hensel, Secretary Hartry and other State officials and a number of well known ladies of this city. It promises to be the finest affair of the winter. There will be a superb orchestra, a fine luncheon, and et ceteras to add zest to the occasion. The Governor and his accomplished wife are great favorites here, and their receptions during the former administration were always largely attended.

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A Digest of Laws.

S. B. Boyer Esq., one of the leading attorneys of Sunbury, is preparing a digest of the laws of Pennsylvania and has a large clerical force engaged upon the work, which, when completed, will prove a valuable addition to the libraries of the legal profession in General. Mr. Boyer is one of the most successful criminal lawyers in central Pennsylvania and is thoroughly capable of preparing a work of such great importance.

PROMPT PAYMENT.

The following letter explains itself. Berwick, Pa. Feb. 24, 1891.

MR. N. FERREE LIGHTNER.
DEAR SIR: I congratulate you and the Northwestern Masonic Aid Association upon your promptness in paying death losses to certificate holders in the Association.

In paying the widow of W. E. Smith deceased sixty days before the terms of certificate required, and without rebate or discount, the full amount of certificate, \$2500, your action makes me proud that I am a member of the Association, and impresses me with the fact that it is the most desirable life insurance that can be had, as well as the cheapest. Fraternalty yours,
B. F. CRISPIN, JR.

Will Soon Resume Work.

At the time of the fire in the Centralia colliery, ten years ago, the mine was flooded and it has been full of water ever since. A large pillar of unmined coal was left in the mammoth bed, between the Centralia and Continental collieries, this precaution being taken to prevent the water breaking into the latter mine. Upon the completion of the Centralia drainage tunnel, another tunnel was driven in towards the Mammoth bed, and upon approaching it a hole was drilled through. The water, which was 500 feet deep in the Centralia mine, was tapped on December 2nd, and has by this time been reduced 465 feet leaving but 35 feet of water in the mine at the time the communication was written. This is being rapidly pumped out, thus putting the Centralia mine in a condition to be worked and obviating all danger of the water breaking through into the Continental colliery, a danger which has for some time been menacing the latter mine.—Advocate.

Paul E. Wirt has been notified by his counsel in New York that the U. S. Court has decided the case of Wirt against Hicks in his favor. Mr. Wirt has had several hotly contested infringement cases, and has been successful in all of them, this last case giving him absolute control of all patents on fountain pens fed as his are, by capillary attraction. He is now in position to stop all infringers. His success is a cause for congratulation to the entire town, for he is very liberal with the money that his patents have brought him.

PERSONAL.

Misses Carrie and Louise Jameson are visiting in Detroit.

Editor Randall spent Wednesday evening in Bloomsburg.

H. P. Chamberlin of Reading was in town several days this week.

Jesse Hartman of Sugarloaf was among the visitors to town on Wednesday.

Fred C. Gore, general superintendent of Postal Service between New York and Pittsburg was in town on Tuesday.

N. Ferree Lightner, general manager of solicitors of the N. W. Masonic Aid Association, was in town on Wednesday.

Prof. Welsh and F. P. Billmeyer, Esq., attended the Lafayette Alumni reunion at Wilkes-Barre on Monday night.

The Bloomsburg Gun Club will meet the Catawissa Gun Club in a pigeon shooting match Friday afternoon, February 27th.

Mrs. D. E. Seguire and Mrs. L. S. Ebnor of Easton have been spending a week with Mrs. Jane McBride, and other friends in Bloomsburg. They returned home on Wednesday.

The Bloomsburg Library Company holds its annual election for Board of Directors at its rooms on Tuesday evening next. The Company propose to increase its capital stock to twenty five thousand dollars.

Never mind, Never mind what the people say, it is a fact nevertheless that the Popular News Agent, has added to an already well selected stock of Games, Books Novels &c, wall paper, beautiful designs and at very reasonable prices. Call and examine just a few doors below Market street.

Washington Camp, No. 319, P. O. S. of A., takes this means of extending their hearty thanks to Rev. Heilman for the good advice and encouraging sermon delivered for them, on Sunday Feb. 22. Also to the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation for their hospitality on said occasion.

H. M. GROTZ, Secy.
T. C. FISHER, Pres.

EAST BENTON.

Our girls and the Shirt Factory. While at the election last Tuesday a week in company with Phil Gibbons we called at the shirt factory. From the hum of machinery thirty five handsome and smiling faces greeted us, each with a Singer sewing machine, busily engaged in the manufacture of wearing apparel. They all appeared happy and contented. The present sewing force is thirty eight—two boys and one man included.

The general manager, Mr. Parker, a Philadelphian, understands his business and gave us much information concerning the establishment. The propelling power consists of a 20 horse power boiler and a 3 horse power engine. The present capacity is three thousand garments per week which are shipped to Chicago. By the first of April they expect increase the number of machines to eighty or ninety with a capacity of ten to twelve thousand garments per week. Already additional extensions to the original plant are necessary.

Business is booming all around the line in Benton. Among the successful business men of that town C. B. & G. L. McHenry, of the corner mammoth building are doing a rousing business. We understand that they bought 400 bushels clover and timothy seed. The farmers can be supplied with seeds at this place.

Alfred Stine expects going west in consequence of which event a surprise party was made for the boy at his home last Thursday evening when seventy people assembled, old and young, and had a gay old time. The boy was pretty well taken down.

Reuben Gibbons, an aged citizen of this place is rapidly declining in health. It seems that the rain has a lease for continuation not-withstanding "ground hog day."

Miss Laura Stine is a successful teacher for a new beginner. She expects to teach at Jonestown the coming summer, and may perhaps get an assistant. Hunt up the band.

Mrs. Ricketts of Orangeville, widow of Elijah Ricketts deceased, and mother of Agib Ricketts, Col. R. B. Ricketts and Mrs. E. C. Butler of Wilkes-Barre, and Frank L. Ricketts of Ganoga Lake, died at her home last week Thursday, having reached a ripe old age. She was a most estimable lady, greatly beloved by all who knew her. She was buried at Orangeville last Saturday afternoon.