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**SALES.**

**MAY 23rd.**—S. C. Shive will sell a big lot of new farm machinery etc. at his late residence in Bloomsburg. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.

**CHANGE OF TIME.**

The new time table of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad went into effect Sunday May 10. A difference of about five minutes was made in nearly all trains. Trains for Rupert and Catawissa leave Bloomsburg as follows: 6.10; 8.00; 11.25; A. M. and 12.15; 3.15; 5.00; 6.30; and 11.05 P. M. A Sunday train has been added which leaves Bloomsburg at 7.58 A. M., for Milton and Williamsport, reaching Williamsport at 10.15, returning to Bloomsburg at 6.27 P. M. This same Sunday train also runs via Philadelphia reaching there at 7 P. M.

**Mountain Fires Beyond Control.**

FOUR THOUSAND ACRES OF LUMBER LAND DESTROYED IN HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

**HUNTINGDON, May 12.**—Over four thousand acres of valuable timber lands are aflame within a radius of seven miles of this place, and in distant parts of the country the woodland is being swept away at an alarming extent. The mountain fires are beyond all human control and can only be extinguished by a rainfall. The sections suffering most are in the East Broad Top region, where the fire nearly extends to Well's Tannery, in Fulton county and on Tussey's Mountain, Ray's Hill and Warrior Ridge.

In Broad Top, Solomon Koch, William Koch and Eli Kates' farm buildings have been seriously threatened for nearly eight hours, and in Trough Creek Valley, Isaac Taylor, Wilson Honck and Michael Martin's properties are momentarily threatened with destruction. The farmers in the whole burning district have sustained irreparable losses to fencing and hundreds of acres of growing grain have been ruined. The various fires originated from either the railroads or wandering bands of gypsies.

**Foggs.**—"There's nothing so delicious in the world as to reach out of bed in the morning to ring for your valet to come and dress you."

**Brown.**—"Have you a valet?"  
**Foggs.**—"No, but I have a bell."  
**Brown.**—"But what good does it do you to ring it? No valet will come in response."

**Foggs.**—"But that's just the most delectable part of it. As the valet doesn't come you don't have to get up."  
**Boston Transcript.**

**Landlady.**—"Have some of this butter, Mr. Bordaine."  
**Mr. B.**—"No thank you."  
**Landlady.**—"Ah, you don't love butter?"

**Mr. B.**—"Well, I can't say that I love that butter; but, madam, I assure you that it's age commands my sincere respect."  
**Washington Star.**

Little Johnny Fizzletop has the habit of waking up every night and demanding something to eat. At last his mother said to him:—  
"Look here, Johnny, I never want to eat anything in the night."  
"Well, I don't think I'd care much to eat anything either in the night if I kept my teeth in a mug of water."  
**Texas Sittings.**

There's a young doctor up-town who will have to improve his methods or he will never have patients enough to maintain him. A woman came in to see him only two days ago looking haggard and pale.  
"Well," he said, "what is it?"  
"I'm troubled with insomnia," she sighed. "What shall I do for it?"  
"Sleep it off, madame; sleep it off," he advised curtly and asked her for \$2.  
**Detroit Free Press.**

A Yale student recently handed in a paper to his professor and was surprised the next day to have it returned with a note scrawled on the margin. He studied it diligently, but was unable to decipher the note and so he brought his paper back to the professor.  
"I can't quite make out what this is, if you please," said the student.

"That, sir," said the professor; "why, that says I can't read your handwriting." You write illegibly, sir."  
**Springfield Republican.**

**THE STRANGER'S FIELD.**

**A Singular Custom Among Some of the Natives of Africa.**  
"A stranger traveling in Africa with only two or three attendants can go about without much fear of molestation. A great armed body like the Stanley expedition will be obliged to fight at times, of course, but I never had any use at all for a weapon of any kind in Africa.

"There are some things that a solitary traveler can find out about Africa which a large expedition will never learn. I observed one custom that I never saw mentioned in any traveler's accounts. I noticed that every village had set apart a field for the use of strangers. The chief wife of the tribal king cultivated this field and stored away the product in the upper half of her hut. No man of the tribe was permitted to touch of the food thus stored. The king's wife had her share of this, and made her living out of it, but all over and above the amount actually consumed must be set apart and preserved. This field is known as the 'Stranger's field.'

"Whenever a stranger comes to the village he makes known his want to the king and he is immediately relieved. The best hut in the village is set apart for him, he eats of the food of the stranger's field, and the best wife of the king prepares the food for him with her own hand. He remains a week or a month, or any reasonable length of time, and his time is never hastened. Sometimes he stays long enough to become a member of the tribe and he marries into the king's family.

An amusing feature of this custom is the fact that indigent members of the tribe sometimes leave their village and go to other villages and become strangers, so that very often when a familiar face has been missed from a certain village, and I have asked where so and so went or what became of him, some one has gravely informed me that so and so was poor and became a stranger. Subsequently I have run across lazy so and so in a distant village living on the fat of the land as a stranger and being treated to royal hospitality. There are no beggars in Africa. When a man or woman becomes too poor to get along comfortably, he or she makes the circuit of the adjacent villages as a stranger."  
—[Bishop Tyler, in Boston Globe.]

**Old Age Not a Matter of Years.**

Every citizen of the world, growing wiser each year, believes that the flight of time should have no influence upon the heart, should not destroy vigor of health, and freshness of feeling, and should not mark a man as "old" simply by a standard of years. In spite of the rush and excitement caused by modern competition, there are many remarkable examples of active longevity. Old men of 84 years are seen taking tours in Europe. One old gentleman over 80 has just started for Michigan to enjoy the good skating of that region. Five people over 70 were found in a party of 22 upon an excursion to the Yosemite. Old people like Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Holmes, and Mr. Whittier, and others both in this country and in Europe are increasing the tendency among people of to-day to believe that old age is not a matter of years.

Our sanitary improvements, and the dissemination of ideas of hygiene have not only added to the average length of life, but have made those added years a period of enjoyment and of value to the community. According to the ideas exemplified by Mr. Gladstone, it is possible to measure quantity of work done equally with length of days, and to make old age count for more value than mere statistics for the census.

**The Congo River Railroad.**

The engineers who surveyed the route reported that it would not cost more than \$5,000,000 to build and equip the line and pay interest on the capital invested during the four years required to build the road. The party, which spent many months navigating the upper Congo and its branches, found an abundance of natural resources in the way of ivory, India rubber, gums, dye stuffs, and other articles, besides flattering prospects that the coffee, cotton, and tobacco plantations would ultimately be profitable. Thus encouraged, the company decided to go forward with the railroad. They had no trouble about raising in Belgium and other countries the \$5,000,000 required to build the road. Ocean steamers can easily reach Matadi, the starting point of the line, and already the first mile or two of the iron highway has been built, and the first locomotive has been sent to the Congo. It will require nearly three years to complete the road. When it is done, inner Africa will be within a few weeks of the capitals of Europe, and there is no doubt that in a few years more facilities for comfortable travel will be extended to those who wish to make a short visit to the once mysterious regions of inner Africa.—[Goldilwaite's Geographical Magazine.]

**Suicide Increasing Among Negroes.**

"I notice by the papers," said a former coroner, "that a world weary negro committed suicide on Christmas night by jumping from the bridge. This reminds me that suicides among negroes were entirely unknown until within the past few years. In 1878 the first case of a negro felo de se in the history of St. Louis came to my notice as a coroner. It was such a novelty as to attract widespread attention, and many newspapers claimed that it was the first case of its kind in the country. Be that as it may, it was but the forerunner of a half dozen cases in St. Louis, and the question is no longer asked, 'Who ever heard of a negro killing himself?' Perhaps, in the purely animal state, no one ever did, but as the negro in his free state has mingled with the white man he has acquired not only his vices, but his passions, fears, and prejudices as well."  
—[Globe Democrat.]

The richest man in Boston is Fred L. Ames, whose fortune is reckoned at about \$30,000,000. His grandfather, Oliver Ames, used to peddle shovels of his own handiwork.

**The Leaves.**

No leaf as yet! though like a wraith of snow  
The white bell flowers have burst their  
sheathing green  
And yielded to deep violets, and the sheen  
Of those faint primroses that early strew  
The garment of the earth. Verdure below,  
But ne'er a budding leaf to meet between  
Our eyes and the blue ether, broadly seen  
Through tracery of beeches, stretching low  
From mightily rather boughs—the serene brown  
caves  
Of woodland palaces, where rocking high  
The solemn rook in sable chorus weaves  
A twig into his nest, and yet more high  
A wild bird sings of love among the leaves—  
The leaves that are to be when spring is by.  
—C. A. Dawson in Chambers' Journal.

**Killed by a Captive Rattlesnake.**

Alfred Duc, a Frenchman who has been living in a small cabin on the Schnell ranch, two miles north of Tia Juana, had a sort of fascination for snakes, and the reptiles appeared to realize that he was their especial friend. Neighbors tell that within the past few months he has never been known to be without one or more snakes in the cabin. Blacksnakes and copperheads made their home under his house, and he would stop on the field to caress a snake of any kind.

For about a week he has had a large rattler in the house, but as the reptile was not of the trustworthy family Duc made for it a housing place in an empty oil can. Since then he has been handling the snake at odd times, endeavoring to tame it into docility.

Sunday afternoon he had the snake out as usual, displaying it to a young man named Cresswell. He had it lying on his lap, his right hand closed loosely around the body just back of the head. It writhed about and finally freed its head. Then the reptile formed itself into a curl and like a flash of lightning buried its deadly fangs in the flesh of Duc's right hand. He appeared to think little about the matter and did not even bandage the wound. On Tuesday C. N. Flattery, of the San Diego Undertaking company, received a telephone message from Tia Juana saying, "Bring coffin (giving size) and come at once." The coffin was for Duc, and he died in horrible agony from the bite of the snake.  
—San Diego Sun.

**New Zealand's Wild Horses.**

"Aboard the ship that carried me from New Zealand to San Francisco were six thoroughbred New Zealand horses," remarked T. Harding McLaurin, a wealthy sheepgrower of that British possession, soon after he arrived at the Grand Pacific hotel. "And the owner expects to accomplish wonders with these animals. It is a strange thing to many that good horses should be bred in New Zealand. I dare say that when I get to England, and when I relate various matters, my friends will answer with a stare of incredulity. As a point of fact the vast plains to the north of my place—Otago—are the homes of great herds of wild horses that roam about as fearlessly as did the mustangs or broncos of your western plains.

"Are they better horses than the mustangs? Well, they are as far above the American article as the pure blooded Arabian is above an ordinary draught horse. They are large and well built, and there is no uniformity of color. They live upon the rich tassets and pebble grass that abound on their once volcanic fields. "The New Zealand wild horse is a hard one to break, but once brought under control he makes a magnificent driving or carriage animal. Cheap too. I have seen beautiful fourteen hand horses sold for fifteen pounds to be used for coaches. Breeding with imported stock produces a variety such as would be well adapted to America. Just now sheep raising is the great industry of the island, but I predict a great future for the horse trade."  
—Chicago News.

**Strange and Fatal Accident.**

A peculiar and fatal accident happened recently to a man named Dunham who lived in Kechi township, Sedgewick county, Kan. A farmer named Martin had killed a number of hogs, which he left hanging in his yard over night. In the morning one was gone, and in looking around for some trace which might reveal the cause of its disappearance, he noticed, a short distance from his house, something strange propped against a rail fence, and on investigating found his hog hanging by the gambrel stick around the neck of Dunham.

The thief's neck was broken, and he had evidently been dead some hours. The supposition is that while climbing the fence Dunham's burden had slipped and caught his head in the noose formed by the two legs and the cross stick, and the heavy weight had instantaneously cracked his neck.—Kansas City Star.

**Jumped the Rails and Jumped Back Again.**

A peculiar accident happened recently on the local Omaha line. In going to the junction, and before reaching Hersey & Bean's mill, the passenger and smoking cars left the track, owing to a broken rail, ran some distance on the ties, struck a switch and regained the rails. The engine and tender had not left the rails.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

General Sherman, like George Bancroft, was very fond of young people. He liked to have them about him, and frequently treated them with more consideration than he did his elders. He was a thorough democrat in his relations with his fellowmen. He would talk with a laboring man as readily as with a millionaire.—Exchange.

Walter Miller, of Middletown, Conn., makes the strange boast that he has skinned more skunks this winter than any politician in the Nutmeg state. So far his record is forty-five skins. Mr. Miller states that the only drawback to the business is that he is compelled to live practically by himself.

The late Ben Ali Haggin's un-American name is said to have been bestowed upon him by his father out of regard for a pasha who once befriended him when he was a wanderer in foreign lands without money or friends. Now the copper king's wealth is estimated at \$40,000,000.

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at the close of business May 4th, 1891.

**RESOURCES.**

Loans and discounts	\$ 716 45
U. S. Bonds on hand	100 00
Due from approved reserve agents	4128 08
Due from other National Banks	8149 71
Due from State Banks and Bankers	6281 84
Current expenses and taxes paid	201 10
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	2734 38
Checks and other cash items	5 00
Bills of other banks	280 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	31 00
Specie	1408 15
Legal tender notes	15 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$57009 61</b>

**LIABILITIES.**

Capital stock paid in	\$3049 00
Individual profits	11 00
Individual deposits subject to check	6842 52
Cashier's checks outstanding	15 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$57009 52</b>

**STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY OF COLEMBIA**  
s. s.: I, Frank Ikeler, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
**FRANK IKELER, Cashier.**  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of May, 1891.  
**JOHN C. RUTTER, Jr.,**  
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:  
WM. S. MOYER, }  
P. A. EVANS, } Directors.  
JOS. W. REES, }

The Celebrated Pacing Stallion, Frank M. record 2:57 1/2, standard and registered No. 69, will make the season of 1891 at the Barn of C. E. Wenner, in the rear of the Central Hotel, beginning Tuesday noon, April 7th, and will remain until Wednesday about 4 o'clock, and every two weeks during the season, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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