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#### Why Not a Representative Government?

In another column, Katherine J Musson has given a bold array of facts, proving that the United States is not a representative government. Proportional representation, or effective voting, is her remedy, which strongly appeals to our sense of justice and fair play. There is no doubt that this system would promptly improve our legislature, which is the weak point in our municipal, state and national governments. The people look on our lawmaking bodies with distrust and disgust. Majorities will continue to be tyrannous and reckless of their trusts so long as minorities are practically disfranchised. There is no more effective way to eradicate boodling and corruption than to permit the representation of minorities in all legislative bodies. Reforms are always introduced by minorities, yet our constitutions contain prohibitons against the sources of social and economic betterment by proclaiming a government of majorities instead of a government of all. Were it not for the tyranny of majorities the business interests of the country would not be in agony while congress is in session. If the district system were abandoned and legislators elected at large under a system of equitable representation, men of higher attainments would write our laws. The power of the machine. the lobby, the boss and the spoilsman would be shattered.

Professor De Lavelye of Belgium names as the three remedies for partisan abuses-proportional representation, secret ballot and civil service reform. These are complementary and co-operative, but the first is most fundamental and its adoption will guarantee a pure ballot and a civil service entirely free from the spoils system.

#### Election of Senators by Direct Vote.

The election of United States Senators by direct vote has again been revived by Senator Turpie's proposed amendment to the constitution. The measure is a popular one, and if Congress should give the states an opporon the question, no tunity to pass doubt would exist as to the verdict. It is, however, unfortunate that this much needed reform should be expected from the Senate. It is like asking a judge to occupy the bench while trying his own case. Senators are well aware that all arguments against their election by direct vote of the people have been fully answered. Inaction on their part must be attributed to a desire to benefit those who govern rather than to promote the welfare of their principals, the voters. Strong self interest will probably prevent senators from submitting this amendment for the action of the states. The readers of this paper should write letters to the senators of this state, and to congressmen of this district, requesting the early submission of this amendment. If 100,000 letters should be 'forwarded within the next ten days, our servants would obey the behests of their masters. Should this amendment be pigeonholed, all fair minded persons should strive to raise the issue by securing its recognition in the national, state and county party platforms.

## Striking Where Spain is Weakest.

Nothing so completely tells the story of the work of the Cubans to gain independence than the statement that only thirty-two of the 361 important sugar factories of the island of Cuba are running. Their declaration to cut off the government revenues and so strike a vital spot in the contest is very near true. The normal output of Cuba, in the sugar product, is 1,500,000 and this has been reduced to 100,000 tons. The insurrection in this phase alone has acquired a magnitude that costs Spain this year at least \$30,000,000 in the tax income that has been such a necessary feature in past government revenues .- Philadelphia Times.

The American Consulates at Barcelona and Valencia, Spain, were stoned by mobs when the action of Congress on the Cuban question was learned. The Spanish authorities The One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. \$1. suppressed the rioters, and disclaimed Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. suppressed the rioters, and disclaimed all responsibility for the riots.

#### It is a Horse of a Different Color Now.

The Republicans seem to be greatly astonished to learn that President Cleveland may call an extra session of Congress if the present session ignores financial legislation. The President should do that very thing. The Republicans knew exactly what was wanted when they were out of power, and now that they control Congress they wish to sneak out of the responsibility by doing nothing.-Lebanon

#### A Good Selection.

A few days ago we received a copy of the Union and Advertiser of Rochester, N. Y., containing an excellent half tone cut of Wm. L. Manning, formerly of Jackson township, this county. It contained the announcement that he was the Democratic nominee for Supervisor of the town of Brighton, and quite sure of election, notwithstanding the fact that the town is Republican. Since then we have received information which says that: "One of the surprises of the town election yesterday in the Republican camp was the choice of William L. Manning, Democrat, of Brighton. There was a very spirited contest in the town over the Supervisorship, with the result that the Democrats have elected their first Supervisor for fifteen years." Supervisor in York State is a different office than in this

#### GENERAL NEWS.

Charles B. McMichael of Philadelphia has been appointed Judge in that city to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Reed.

May 7th has been fixed by the Governor for the execution of Holmes, the Philadelphia murderer.

Crispi, Premier of Italy, has resigned, and with him his cabinet. They were forced to yield to public clamor, and the resignations have been accepted by King Humbert.

Henri Rochefort, the well known French writer, predicts the success of the Cuban insurgents and the fall of the Spanish monarchy.

The death warrant for the execution of H. H. Holmes, on May 7th, was received by the sheriff of Philadelphia county last Monday, and read to the condemned man. Throughout the reading he maintained an affable manner, and even suggested to the sheriff that he step to another part of the cell so as to have a better light. He expressed himself as being ready to die.

### New Appointments.

The Hon. James B. Reilly, of Pottsville was appointed United States Marshal, of the Eastern District, of Penna.

James N. Beck, of Phila., was appointed U. S. District Attorney for Eastern Penna.

To all who are in depths of despair the following letter may come as a beacon light, pointing the way to health and safety. Truly, it is not what we say, but what Hood's Sarsaparilla does, that tells the story. Just read the voluntary statement of Mr. Owen:

"For six or seven years of my life I did not live, I merely existed. I was in a deplorable condition, suffering from a complication of evils. I was so costive that a week, or sometimes two weeks, would pass without a movement of the bowels. I had no appetite. Had become so

that I was scarcely off the farm in six years. I even contemplated making an end to my miserable existence.

"This is the stage where a man becomes disgusted with doctors and medicines of all kinds. If this should reach the eye of any such, it is written in the hope that just such persons will read it, believe it and be benefited by it. A friend had half a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and persuaded me to take it, with some of Hood's Pills. I experienced so much benefit I took two bottles more, and, thank God, I am

sound and well. I am 61 years of age, but feel thirty years younger. I truly believe Hood's Sarsaparilla was sent as a means to heal my body. I cannot say too much for Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills." J. W. OWEN, Henderson, Mercer Co., Pa. N. B. If you decide to take Hood's Sar-

# saparilla do not buy any other. Get only Sarsaparilla

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take

## JONAS LONG'S SONS' WEEKLY CHATS.

WILKES-BARRE, PA.,

March 12, 1895.



"Be it ever so humble there's n place like Home," understand it to-day dosen't simpby mean a place of abode, it means a place for restful enjoyment, a

place where the tired man or woman worn by the fatigues of the lay may find recreation and comfort. The home should be made bright and cheerful, it requires no exravagant outlay to beautify it. Home decorations are now withn the reach of everyone. Make t a point to add from time to time to your household treasures, the habit will grow upon you and you will soon learn to look upon your labors with pride; there is a wonderful satisfaction in having a cozy little home well filled with pleasing ornamentations to relieve the monotony of the stiff walls and

As a decoration there is nothing more graceful or pleasing to the eye than Lace Curtains, we have them 21/2 yards long, in pretty designs as low as 49c the pair.

A good Nottingham Lace Curain 3 yards long, in point D'Esprit effect may be had for 98c the pair.

Chenille Curtains in good warm colors with double Dado and heavy fringe at \$2.25, \$2 98 and \$3.98 the pair.

Large size Chenille Curtains in desirable colors and Persian effects are sold at \$4.98 the pair.

Curtain Swiss Coin spot and figured dainty and neat as full curtain or sash curtain at 16c, 20c and 25c the yard.

Tamboured Muslin 16c, 19c, 25c and 30c the yard.

Curtain Poles with Brass Trimmings, complete in Cherry, Walnut | Estate of Jacob Andes, late of Hemlock township or Ash at 19c the set.

Curtain Scrim 38 inches wide at c. 61/2c 8c, 10c and 121/2c the yard.

Figured Denim 30 inches wide he newest drapery at 20c the yard.

Heavy Figured Denim rich color and designs at 40c the yard.



Boys' CLOTH-ING. Our Boys partment will have its formal Spring Opening on the 1810 instant, when every sui shown will b of extraordi nary value We have th grandest su

ever brough to this city and our price will soon make it the alk of the day, they will be i colors tan, grey and handsom. lark mixtures, those with large deefer Collars run in size from 08; and small collars from St 15, our price for this suit will at

Our next is a beautiful dark grey uit in all wool Cassimere elegant! nade sizes 8 to 15 years at \$2.75

Lovely all wool blue chev or suits (color guarenteed) handso uy trimmed with extra large Recier Collar, broadsilk braid, a suit wit a style that will speak for itself

Boys' regular square all was Vorsted Cheviot suits in blue, al izes from 3 to 15 at \$3.4.

Boys' light Scotch plaid snits with two pairs of pants extra value

Handsome line of boys Golf Caps at 25c, 35c, 39c an 1 49.
Boys' Blue "Tams" all styles of

rimmings 39c, 49c, 500 and 75c. Popular and standard magaz nes for March now ready McClures, Munsy, Century, Godey, Forum, Scribner, St. Nickolas, Lulies

Home Journal, Rams Horn, &c. &c. All mail orders and letters of inquiry relating to our various department lines will receive prompt and sareful attention.

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JOHN R. TOWNSEND.

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#### When She Hides the Key.

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It is a singular instance of the simplicity of the average mind to watch the entire good faith in which the country housekeeper, when she takes her walks abroad and locks up her house, hides the key for its discovery by any other member of the family. As a matter of course, she tucks it away under the door mat. It never seems to enter her dear, unworldly head that every other woman in the place does precisely the same thing, and perhaps every other woman in every other suburban town. She never seems to think that that is one place that any student of her human nature who had burglarious intentions would seek entrance to the house by

simply lifting the door mat.

He would be sure to find the key ready for him there.

#### CANDIDATES' CARDS.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, JOHN G. HARMAN, of Bloomsburg.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, W. A EVERT, of Bloomsburg.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, J. G. SWANK, South Side.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, JOHN N. GORDON, of Montour township.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, WILLIAM H. FISHER, of Main Township.

#### AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Jacob Andes, late of Hemlock township deceased.

The undersigned, an auditor appointed by the Orphane Court of Columbia County, to distribute the funds in the hands of the accountant to and among the parties entitled thereto, will sit at his office in Bloomsburg, Pa., on Tuesday, April 7th. 1896, at 10 ordook a. m., when and where all persons having claims against said estate must appear and prove the same or be debarred from coming in on said fund.

W. H. SNYDER,

#### SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Fi. Fa., issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Penna., and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Clothing De Bloomsburg, Pa., on

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1896, at 2 o'clock p. m., all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Fishingereck township, Columbia county and state of Penna., bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Bounded on the north by Huntingdon creek, on the east and south by public road, and on the west by Abraham Eveland, containing ONE ACRE of land more or less, whereon are erected a

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, and outbuildings.

Srized, taken into execution at the suit of Carey & Pealer vs. Elisha K. Robbins, and to be sold as the property of Elisha K. Robbins. J. B. MCHENRY, BRITTAIN, Attorney in fact.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

# Estate of Fred Schwinn, late of the Town of Bloomsburg, deceased.

Bloomsburg, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Fred Schrinn, late of the Town of Bloomsburg, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administratriz, to whom all persons indebled to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to CATHARINE SCHWINN, Herring, Atty.

Administratrix, Herring, Atty. 8-5-6t. Administratrix, Bloomsburg, Pa.

## CHARTER NOTICE.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Cohombia In the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Pennsylvania.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the said court on the 30th day of March, 1986, at 10 of clock a.m., under the "Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and its supplements, by I. D. White, J. K. Lockward, H. G. Shervood, W. O. Holmes and W. U. Awy for the charter of an intended corporation to be called The Industrial Club, the character and object of schick is the maintenance of a club for social enjoyment, and for this purpose to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileyes conferred by the said Act and its supplements.

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MAGILL, WINTERSTEEN, Solicitors.

## A FORTUNE

is within reach of young people who go to Wood's Business College, Scranton Our terms are lower than at some colleges having fewer students, but our faculty is much larger and our course of study more varied and thorough. The new president for seventeen years taught, lestured on law and civics, and has written business college text books now in use all over America. He has educated scores of business college teachers, and 10,000 young people for business. He was sent to France as United States Consul for four years, and now teaches and lectures days and evenings at Scranton. The college has now 665 students and last year located 234 of its students in good paying situations. In thorough work and in aid to students, it is the leading business college of Pennsylvania. Send for illustrated Journal.

0. F. Williams, President.



# DON'T WAIT TOO LONG

and then be disappointed in not having "that new dress" when Easter comes. Remember Easter is early this year, and dress makers will be rushed to death the nearer it comes. You also have another advantage in selecting your dresses now; more of a variety to choose from, and lots of single dress patterns. All of our new spring dress goods are now in and open for your inspection.

#### See Them Now.

THE NEWEST OF SPRING DRESS | baby will want a new spring cloak, as GOODS

are now being shown here in the largest variety known. All of them are the latest productions known to the trade, and are the prettiest we have yet shown. If we were to try and tell you all of them you would tire out be-fore you were half through, so we name only one rare bargain which you can't help appreciating. A whole case of them. All wool Henrietta, 38 in. wide, all shades, 25c. the yard. TAILOR MADE SUITS.

We called your attention to our tailor made suits last week and wish to do so again. They are made by the in buttons. best of makers in New York, in the latest style and of the best material. We are confident if you will only inspect them you will buy. Ask to see them when here.

## OUR NEW LACE CURTAINS

have arrived and shopping experts who have seen them pronounce them the neatest and best designs they have seen. We want every prospective curtain buyer to see them before they purchase. We are justly proud of them.

#### CURTAIN STRETCHERS.

If you do not want new lace curtains you will surely want to do over the old ones; wash them, and then you will want a stretcher. The "Star" is the best on the market and has never been offered you at such a price, \$1.50.

BABY CLOAKS.

It will be a short time now when

the winter one will be warm. When you find this the case just look here before you buy, as our line is entirely new, not one old one to be found in it, and the variety almost endless. \$1.00 to \$7.00 each.

Every woman is naturally interested in the trimmings for her new dress. Velvets, silks and buttons are all in vogue now, and we can say in good faith, that our stock is larger and better than ever. All the newest effects in silks, newest approved shades in velvets, and all the latest productions

#### DISHES.

Spring always reminds one of the new stock of dishes you want. Maybe only patching up, maybe you want a new set. If either is what you are in need of, come here and see what rare bargains we offer you. In all, eight distinct decorations to pick from. In glassware, we have it cheaper than dirt. See our 5, 10 and 15c. lots.

#### GROCERIES.

For this week only we offer you these rare bargains:

Royal Exchange corn, 5c. can. Regular roc. quality. Finest California prunes, 40-50 10c.

th. Sell regularly at 12c. Finest California peaches and white cherries, "Sunbeam brand," 30c. can. Sell always at 40c.

Finest home made mince meat in 5 1b. glass jars, 7oc. Usually 8oc.

# Harman

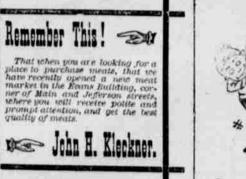
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D. A. MCGEE. East Street Baker

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