

Base Ball Chat.

A. G. McCoy, better known in town as "Reddy," of Danville, has become insane. He is now an inmate of the Danville Asylum. He was a member of the Danville team of the State League in 1894, and was the cause of Bloomsburg's defeat at the hands of Danville on more than one occasion.

Some one says look out for the Phillies in 1897. Well we have been watching them for so long, and our patience is so near gone, that we will be compelled to give up the Phillies this time, and pick out another team which will be able, at least, to finish in the first division.

The down trodden Louisville's are making some strong additions to their club, and some good results may be looked for.

The Syracuse Base Ball Club has secured Gallagher for short stop, from Wilmington, trading Minahan, Delaney and Hill for him. The make-up of the Stars for the coming season is about decided upon as follows: Catchers, Ryan and Shaw; pitchers, Whitehill, Mason, Willis, Lampe, Mularkey; first base, Breckinridge; second base, Eagan; third base, Judd Smith; short stop, Gallagher; outfielders, to be chosen from Grove, Lezotte, Shearon, Garry.

Manager Rinn, of the Lancaster Baseball Club, is fast getting his team in shape for the season. J. H. Buttermore was signed Monday. He will preside over the interests of the club in right field. Manager Rinn anticipates signing the remainder of the club during the month.

There is war in the camp of the Grooms. This time it is not the players who are wrangling, but the stockholders. F. A. Abell, the principal owner of the club, says that the minority stockholders have made a practice of dumping all the expenses on him. Matters have reached a state where Mr. Abell says he will either sell out and quit the business or come to some kind of an understanding whereby the expenses may be equally divided. He positively refuses to advance another penny. His principal idea for getting back some of his lost wealth is to move the team from Eastern Park. Abell's plan for Sunday ball looks like a last despairing effort. Matters have reached a state where the club must make money or go into bankruptcy.

Exposure to Disease

Does not necessarily mean the contraction of disease provided the system is in a vigorous condition, with the blood pure and all the organs in healthy action. When in such a condition contagion is readily resisted and the disease germs can find no lodgment. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best medicine to build up the system because it makes pure, rich blood, and pure blood is the basis of good health. In cold weather it is especially necessary to keep up the health tone because the body is subject to greater exposure and more liable to disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the safeguard of health.

Their Range of Talk.

The late Chalmers Lacour, the French statesman, used to tell a story about Schopenhauer, the German philosopher, whom he greatly admired. He had an appointment with him one day at a Frankfort hotel and found him just finishing dinner at the table d'hôte. There were several officers at the table, and in front of Schopenhauer lay a goldpiece. He said to the Frenchman as he arose and put the coin in his pocket: "I have had this goldpiece on the table every evening for a month, having made up my mind to give it to the poor the first time these officers here spoke on some other topic at the table besides promotion, horses or women. I have the money still."

A Great Game Preserve.

If the plans recommended by Chas. Payne of Wichita, Kan., the well known hunter and authority on wild game, are carried out, the greatest private game preserve in the United States will soon be established in northern New Mexico. Mr. Payne has been frequently importuned by wealthy men for information as to the best location for extensive private hunting grounds in the west, and he recently took a trip through Colorado and New Mexico. His report recommends the purchasing of nearly 200,000 acres of mountain land which now belongs to the Maxwell Land Grant company, and which is located in northern New Mexico. Should it be used for a game preserve, the entire tract will be inclosed with a high and strong wire fence, and stocked with all manner of wild game.—Baltimore Sun.

In Centre county there are 288 applicants for the various postoffices in the county; 77 applicants for commissioners' clerks; 5 lawyers want to be commissioners' attorney; 13 men are after the court house janitorship, and 21 are seeking the positions of distiller's storekeeper and gauger.—E.

A MILTON TRAGEDY.

A Prominent Young Business Man Takes His Own Life.

FOUND IN THE BATH ROOM.

We clip the following from the Milton Record of January 6th:

"Shortly after dinner yesterday our town was thrown into a state of feverish excitement by the announcement that Sigmund Drefuss had committed suicide. The deceased was a member of the firm of Drefuss Bros., and was one of Milton's most promising young business men. For some time he has been in ill health, suffering from stomach trouble, and has been complaining to his friends of feeling languid and lacking in ambition. His friends advised him to take a vacation and he had every preparation made to leave on the down train this morning for a six weeks' trip to Florida. He was about Sunday, and nothing unusual was observed in his conduct. He was not seen by any of the family after twelve o'clock. He was to have dined with his brother Wolfe, and when he failed to turn up, the family supposed that he had changed his mind and taken dinner with his brother Samuel and family, who were entertaining a number of visiting friends. About half-past one o'clock Wolfe Drefuss came down to the store and upon inquiry found that Sigmund had not eaten with his brother, and made inquiry about him. He thought Sigmund might be taking a bath and went to the bath room and called to him. He received no reply and upon trying the door found it locked. Suspecting something was wrong, he raised himself and looked through the transom. He saw his brother lying on the floor in a pool of blood. He cried for help and broke open the door. Sigmund was lying on his back grasping a 38 calibre revolver in his right hand. It was evident that he stood before the large mirror, when he fired the fatal shot. The ball entered his head just above his right eye and passed downward killing him instantly. He had undressed to take a bath and had only his trousers and underclothes on. A dress suit and a change of linen were lying on the stand. Squire Miller empanelled a jury who after hearing the statements of the family rendered a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

The deceased was born in Germany in 1870, and was therefore in the twenty-seventh year of his age. He came to America fifteen years ago and entered the store of his brothers Samuel and Wolfe Drefuss and was a successful and promising business man. His funeral was held yesterday. The interment took place at Danville."

Newspaper Statistics.

A publisher of a statistical turn of mind has been compiling some figures about the newspaper business that are astonishing. The total number of copies of newspapers printed in a single year is 12,000,000,000, a figure which looks most imposing when set out in numerals. The approximate weight of this mass of paper is 781,240 tons, or 1,562,480,000 pounds.

If the newspapers of the world should consolidate, it would take the fastest press in the world a matter of 333 years to print the edition of one year. Folded in the usual manner and stacked on end, the pile would be 270,000 feet, or nearly 50 miles high.—New York Journal.

May Not Attend.

An exchange says: It is understood to be Governor Hastings' attention not to have the entire guard at the inauguration at Washington as has been the custom in times past. It is too much hardship to ask the members of the Guard to attend at their own expense and sleep in the deep and dark basements of the public buildings, and it will cost at least \$25,000 to order them there for a three day's review as Governor Pattison did the last time.

A Sunbury Suicide.

Augustus Moeller, foreman of the Cold Spring Brewery, near Sunbury, returned home at six o'clock Thursday evening in surly mood and at the supper table engaged in dispute with his sons. Suddenly drawing a revolver he chased everyone from the house. While they stood in the rear yard a revolver shot was heard and upon the sons investigating they found their father lying dead, having blown his brains out for unaccountable reasons. The coroner's jury decided that he met death at his own hands. He leaves a wife and five children.—Milton Record.

In the treatment of croup and whooping cough, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has a most marvelous effect. Thousands of lives are saved annually by the use of this medicine. It frees the obstructed air-passages, allays inflammation, and controls the desire to cough.

William Shafer, a daring criminal, has escaped from the jail at Wilkes-Barre.

A BAND OF TEN ASSAILED HER.

Miss Keller's Escort Driven Off by a Lot of Brutal Men.

While returning home Thursday evening in Mt. Carmel, Miss Rebecca Keller and her escort, John Devoe, were attacked by a party of young men, who drove Devoe off and assaulted the young woman. The latter was later on carried home by neighbors, on Friday ten warrants were issued for the arrest of the guilty parties.

There is no doubt that the popular feeling in the Republican party was with Wanamaker in the Senatorial contest, but Quay's man, Penrose, had the machinery of the party worked in his favor, and the popular will was powerless. It will take a few more days to allay the bitterness and disappointment engendered, than if Wanamaker had been victorious, because there are more people, although fewer politicians, to mollify than if Penrose had been defeated. Quay is still on top.

At Williamsport Saturday Dr. Nutt with the assistance of a coin extractor removed from the throat of a 5 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Fritz, of Hayes Run, Clinton Co., a safety pin, which the boy had swallowed several months ago. The pin was unclasped and rusty. The child had been treated for whooping cough until its sufferings became so intense that an examination was made, which revealed a foreign substance in the throat.

According to the newspapers, very few persons merely "die." The banker "passes in his checks," the cashier "goes to his last account," the mug wump "joins the great majority," the cobbler "breathes his last," the saloonkeeper "seeks the spirit land," the gambler "shuffles off," the stableman "kicks the bucket," the spiritualistic medium "gives up the ghost," the accountant "goes to his long account."

The preparations being made by the Danville Fire Brick Company to place their plant in Riverside, in operation early in February has greatly encouraged the citizens of Riverside. For a number of years this plant has been closed but the restoration of public confidence and the resumption of many mills has created a demand for fire brick. It is the intention of the Company to purchase new machinery and the plant will have a capacity of at least 10,000 brick per day.—Montour American.

Emma Betz, aged forty years of Philadelphia, was shot and almost instantly killed by Albert Engel, aged twenty-three years. At a distance of ten feet Engel leveled a small bird gun at her, and with the remark, "Emma, I'm going to shoot," suited the action to the word. The couple had been in love.

Mike Barrett, famous all over the state for his disastrous leadership in the big strike of 1893, when Chief Engineer Paddock and many others were killed in riots, was run over by a train on Thursday night at Conellsville and instantly killed.

The Columbia County Agricultural Society will elect officers for the ensuing year at their annual meeting to be held at the Court House on Saturday, January 16, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Governor Morton's last official act was to commute the sentence of Geo. E. Gordon, a life prisoner, who has been in prison thirty-two years.

Owing to war between new companies and the Bell company in Michigan, the latter is now serving telephone service free in several cities.

The number of immigrants arriving in Canada for the past year was 21,341; of this number 7,214 were destined for the United States. The figures are about equal to those of previous years.

The earnings from the office of the Clerk of the Criminal Court, Schuylkill County for 1896 were \$35,535.66, the greatest in the history of the county.

The Cuban resolutions are quite as likely to interest the public at large as much as those who are in a position to discuss and vote upon them.

Governor Atgeld of Illinois, on Thursday granted pardons to 19 convicts, included among whom are some desperate characters, having been convicted of murder in the first degree.

If you want a reliable dye that will color an even brown or black, and will please and satisfy you every time, use Buckingham's Dye for the Whiskers.

Leap year is over, and the leap year marriages was rather heavy, but what per centage on the leap year plan will never be known.

A small boy the other day asked "why bangs were not sold in a gun store."

AT THE COURT HOUSE.

The new Board of County Commissioners are nicely settled in their office.

Prothonotary Henrie and Deputy Rush Zarr are catching on and becoming familiar with the work of their office.

D. R. Coffman was re-appointed Court House janitor at the same salary, \$25 per month. The janitor of the jail, H. H. Kline was re-appointed without opposition, and the salary fixed at \$25 per month. The salary of janitors at both the Court House and jail is to be paid at the end of each month.

Commissioners Kitchen and Gordon voted for Dr. J. S. John, for jail physician, and he was appointed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been issued since the first of the year.

John Lukacz, of Wilburton, to Miss Annie Frank, of the same place.

Joseph S. Fenstermacher, of Main township, to Miss Hannah E. Leiby, of the same place.

Lloyd Burger, of Catawissa Boro, to Miss Martha C. Wolf, of the same place.

Boyd Parker, of Greenwood, to Miss May Conner, of the same place.

TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE.

The following deeds have been entered in the Records office since the first of January.

U. H. Ent, sheriff to Angelina Mervel, for tract of land in Greenwood township.

J. B. McHenry and wife, to William M. Appleman, for land in Benton township.

William Appleman, et al. to Christian Church for land in Benton township.

M. W. Jackson and wife, to W. E. Michael for land in Berwick.

Same to W. E. Michael, for land in Berwick.

Bruce Fowler to William S. Johnson, for land in Berwick.

G. B. W. Hosler and wife, to John F. Yong, for land in Berwick.

Rachael McNinch to Martha McNinch, for tract of land in Bloomsburg.

Daniel Reedy and wife, to Margaret F. Seybert, for land in Berwick.

Alexander B. Herring to John H. Herring, for tract of land in Orange township.

The Goods That Linger.

Some one has pithily observed that "advertising does not consist in keeping a fine assortment of goods on your shelves, but in letting the people know they are there." This is insufficient. You must also let them know that the goods are not likely to stay on the shelves for many hours. The length of their stay, if they are salable and of the right price, depends largely upon the advertiser's skill, and largely, of course, upon his opportunities for addressing a big audience.

Tours to Florida.

No district in America presents, during the Winter season, so many varied attractions as the state of Florida. Besides its delightful climate, which to one escaping from the cold and unhealthful changes of the North seems almost ethereal, it is pre-eminently a land of sport and pleasure. Along its eleven hundred miles of salt-water coast and in its twelve hundred fresh-water lakes are fish of almost every conceivable variety, from the migratory tribes common to Northern waters to the tatpon, pompano, and others of a more tropical character. Nowhere in all our broad land can the angler find a greater variety of game or better sport.

Here also the most enthusiastic hunter finds satiety. Deer, turkeys, bears, panthers and wild cats roam at large through the more sparsely settled regions, while birds of all kinds may be found in abundance throughout the state. The more novel sport of alligator and manatee hunting may also be indulged in by the more adventurous tourist.

With its matchless climate, its orange groves, its rivers and lakes, its fishing and hunting, and its extensive forest, Florida presents unrivalled attractions for the valetudinarian, the lover of nature, the sportsman, and the explorer.

To this attractive State the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged four personally-conducted tours during the season of 1897, leaving by special train January 26, February 9 and 23, and March 9. The first three tours will admit of a sojourn of two weeks in this delightful land; tickets for the fourth tour will be valid to return until May 31 by regular trains.

Rates for the round trip, \$50.00 from New York, \$48.00 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and other information, apply to ticket agents, special booking offices, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia. 12-24-97.

The Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette

For July, 1896, says:



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