

The Columbian.

ESTABLISHED 1866.

The Columbia Democrat,

ESTABLISHED 1887. CONSOLIDATED 1889.
PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY MORNING
at Bloomsburg, the county seat of Columbia
County, Pennsylvania.
J. E. ELWELL, EDITOR.
GEO. C. HOAN, FOREMAN.

TERMS:—Inside the county \$1.00 a year in advance;
\$1.50 if not paid in advance. Outside
the county, \$1.25 a year, strictly in advance.
All communications should be addressed to
THE COLUMBIAN,
Bloomsburg, Pa.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1897.

John Sherman is of the opinion that men can stay in public offices too long, but like many more politicians, is totally blind to his own case, while he can see others faults very clearly.

Senator Quay has gone to Florida, where he will stay until March 4th. The recent senatorial contest made him feel too happy to stay in Pennsylvania, especially when he is getting paid for remaining south.

It is said that a bill will shortly be introduced in the legislature for the breaking up of the habit of treating. Bar keepers and patrons alike will come under the prohibitory clauses. This would probably do away with a great deal of drunkenness, which is caused by this treating habit, among a class of men who never have any money and who make a practice of waiting around drinking places to catch a chance "to be called up."

General Weyler is having lots of trouble these days. Early last week the rebels made a startlingly bold and dashing attempt to capture the captain general, which was nearly crowned with success. And General Gomez has informed him that if his murder of Cuban prisoners is not stopped he will begin to make reprisals, and kill all the Spanish troops he captures.

We are afraid Weyler will have to take back the words: "that he would put an end to the rebellion inside of two months."

HASTINGS FOR THE CABINET.

GOVERNOR'S FRIENDS QUIETLY BOOMING HIM FOR MCKINLEY'S POSTMASTER GENERAL.

"Governor Hastings' friends at Harrisburg are quietly booming him for postmaster general. This is the place picked out for him by Senators Quay and Penrose. The governor's followers now believe the senators are sincere and expect to see him invited to Canton for a talk with Major McKinley. The telegraph wires between Harrisburg and Canton were kept hot Monday with telegrams from legislators and politicians recommending Hastings for a cabinet place.

The governor was at the executive mansion all day and denied himself to all visitors, except his close personal friends. Should he be invited to Canton he will take with him Attorney General McCormick. McCormick served two terms with McKinley in congress and was a member of the house ways and means committee that framed the tariff bill bearing his name. Those who have seen the governor lately say he will accept a cabinet place.—Patriot.

Drift of the Grain Trade.

"The annual report of the Commercial Exchange shows an increase in the exports of wheat, corn and oats during 1896 of over 9,000,000 bushels as compared with the shipments for the previous year. Of the country's exports of wheat and corn alone the percentage from Philadelphia rose from 4.9 per cent. in 1895 to 7.8 per cent. in 1896. This is an encouraging growth; but it is still far short of the business which should be done at that port.

The increase in exports from the United States last year was 67,100,000 bushels of corn and 16,400,000 bushels of wheat, and the bulk of the gain has been distributed among the ports south of Philadelphia. Of the total increase of 67,100,000 bushels in corn exports the larger percentage, or 16,700,000 bushels, went from Baltimore, and the next largest, 16,500,000 bushels, from New Orleans; and other Southern ports increased their trade to such extent that the South as a whole got most of the increase, or a total of 61,400,000 bushels. The regulation of this southward trend of the grain trade so that North Atlantic ports and the Northern trunk line railroad companies may retain a more equitable share of the business is a problem which calls for the exercise of the wisest judgment on the part of railroad managers and merchants."

An exchange says: "The population of the United States is increasing at the rate of over a million a year, by birth alone. It will soon be necessary to legislate in regulation of the size of families or the United States will rapidly drift into that over populous condition that is the greatest drawback to China and India."

The Militia at the Inauguration.

The custom of crowding the capital city with military on the occasion of a presidential inauguration is one that could be abandoned with no disadvantage to public interest, and, rightly considered, it may be regarded as out of place in a government that is not of a military character. At the last two inaugurations this custom was carried to the extreme, but there appears to be a disposition to call a halt to what at least is a meaningless parade.

Probably on account of this change of view in regard to the utility of these demonstrations, the proposition to send the entire body of Pennsylvania militia to Washington on the 4th of next March to form a part of the military pageant on that occasion, is not meeting with an enthusiastic endorsement.

If the National Guard, or any part of it, goes to the national capital for that purpose, their appearance there should cause no expense to the State. Apart from the usefulness of further continuing such demonstrations, the expense attending them should not be incurred at this time when there does not appear to be enough money in the treasury to pay the necessary expenses of the state government. There should be no money for soldiering when legitimate claims against the Commonwealth, for school and other purposes, are withheld on account of the want of funds to meet them.

The success of an administration in managing the affairs of the nation does not depend upon the number of soldiers that parade when its chief executive officer is sworn in, and we doubt whether even so many as a hundred thousand or more, fully equipped and uniformed, in the inaugural processions on the 4th of next March, would make any difference as to the ultimate success of President McKinley in bringing on the prosperity of which he is claimed to be the advance agent.—Watchman.

WILL WIPE OUT ARMENIANS.

AN AMERICAN GIVES HIS IDEA OF THEIR FUTURE.

W. Willard Howard, who went to Turkey in the interest of the Armenian rescue fund, arrived in New York on the St. Louis on Saturday. He states that he sent 12,000 Armenians to Russia, Bulgaria and Egypt while abroad.

"England and the United States have contributed nobly to the relief of the Armenians," he said, "but neither France nor Germany has yet contributed."

Mr. Howard thinks that, after all, the European Powers will not interfere, and that the Armenians, goaded to desperation, will uprise and commit some overt act, and suffer extermination as a consequence.

Judge Gordon's Reform.

MOVEMENT TO TAKE THE CRIMINAL INSANE OUT OF JAILS AND PENITENTIARIES.

As the result of the visit on Saturday of Judge Gordon and a party of lawyers, physicians and others to the state hospital for the criminal insane, at Matteawan, N. Y., a bill will be shortly introduced in the legislature providing for the erection of a similar institution in Pennsylvania.

Judge Gordon, who is very enthusiastic over the manner of caring for the criminal insane at Matteawan, says the bill will be prepared at once and introduced at the present session of the legislature, in order to take the criminal insane of this commonwealth out of the penitentiaries and jails and provide for them in an institution to be erected or furnished by the state, where they can be properly and humanely treated.

A Bad Lot of Lawmakers.

A Hazleton paper having taken a great deal of pains to ascertain the former occupations of Pennsylvania's lawmakers, says: "In the Pennsylvania Legislature will be found one gambler, one base ball umpire, one preacher, eight men who declare they are 'gentlemen,' nineteen without occupations, twenty-seven lawyers, and one pugilist. Of the members three were convicted of larceny, one was tried for murder and acquitted, three have been in insane asylums, while eight have been at Keeley cures, and four were divorced."

Pittsburg Wasn't on the Map.

Early in the present century, when vessels sometimes cleared Pittsburg for a sea voyage, the captain of a ship arrived at Leghorn with a cargo. The officer who examined his papers at once said: "Sir your papers are forged. There is no such place as Pittsburg in the world. Your vessel must be confiscated." The frightened captain then secured a map, directed the officer's attention to the gulf of Mexico, pointed out the mouth of the Mississippi, followed that stream to the Ohio, thence to the forks and said, though the map showed no such place, "There, sir, is the port where my vessel cleared out."

DEATH OF A FORMER TOWNSMAN.

John Knies, a former resident of this town died from a stroke of apoplexy at his home in Hazleton on Friday.

The Hazleton Sentinel, of Saturday says:

"John Knies is dead." This remark was heard in all parts of the city to-day and many were the expressions of sorrow noted. His death was a shock to the community, it being so sudden. Mr. Knies was down town for an hour last evening, having arrived home from Bloomsburg on the 7:56 train. About 9 o'clock he left for home and partook of supper and filled out his daily report of sales. Shortly before 11 o'clock he went out on the back porch at his residence, corner Pine and Beech Streets, where he slipped and fell on the ice. Returning to the house he went up stairs, sat on the edge of the bed and told his wife what had happened and said: "I guess I had a—." He was unable to say another word and lost consciousness. The supposition is that he wanted to say a stroke. Dr. Fruit was summoned, and after seeing his patient pronounced it apoplexy, and that death was only a question of a few hours. Mr. Knies died at 7:50 o'clock this morning.

Deceased was in his forty-seventh year, having been born in Germany, October 2nd, 1850. He with his parents came to America 39 years ago, and they located in Hazleton, where the most of Mr. Knies' life was spent. He was educated in the public schools here, and at an early age learned the barber trade. For a few years he owned a shop, which was located in the room now occupied by tailor Henry Wetzstein. Tiring of his profession he purchased the Washington Hotel, South Wyoming street. He conducted this for a few years and then became the proprietor of the Brislin House.

In politics he was a staunch Democrat and was burgess in 1882, having defeated A. R. Longshore. During his term of office Hazleton had a small-pox plague, and Mr. Knies established a pest house in the old driving park and gave personal attention to the afflicted. In 1883 he was again nominated for burgess, but was defeated by the man he had defeated the year previous.

On April 9, 1871, he was married to Miss Catherine Steckroth, who with ten children survives him.

Seven years ago Mr. Knies moved to Millinville, where he conducted a hotel for a short time, after which he located in Bloomsburg and managed the Williamsport Bottling Co's works. A year ago last November he removed to Hazleton, and was in the employ of Ross & Co., meat packers of Pittston. He was a member of Pioneer Fire Co., Kiowas Tribe, I. O. R. M., Knights of Golden Eagle and Knights of Pythias. He was a brother to Henry and Wm. Knies of this city; George H., of White Haven; Herman, of Tamaqua; Adam, of Mountain Top. His mother, who is 80 years old, resides at the Mountain Top. Few men in this city were held in greater esteem than John Knies. He was popular with all classes and held their confidence. His sterling qualities as a citizen earned for him the appreciation of the public, and his death has excited keen regret.

Reading Changes.

B. F. Bartolet has resigned as Superintendent of the Shamokin division of the P. & R. railroad, and is succeeded by A. T. Dice, and John H. Frech has been appointed his assistant. Their headquarters are at Shamokin. Edson J. Weeks is the new general passenger agent.

Help

Is needed by poor, tired mothers, overworked and burdened with care, debilitated and run down because of poor, thin and impoverished blood. Help is needed by the nervous sufferer, the men and women tortured with rheumatism, neuralgia, dyspepsia, scrofula, catarrh. Help

Comes Quickly

When Hood's Sarsaparilla begins to enrich, purify and vitalize the blood, and sends it in a healing, nourishing, invigorating stream to the nerves, muscles and organs of the body. Hood's Sarsaparilla builds up the weak and broken down system, and cures all blood diseases, because

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists, \$1. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

G. M. QUICK,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Office over First National Bank.

JOHN R. TOWNSEND, AND Hatter.

Merchant TAILOR,



SUITS FROM \$18.00.

CORNER MAIN & MARKET STS. BLOOMSBURG PA.

TROUSERS FROM \$5.00.

OUR ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE.

We are through stock taking, and in order to clear up our winter stocks in the different departments we have started our Annual Clearance Sale. Great bargains are here for every one. Don't fail to take advantage of them.

Extraordinary Coat Selling.

We have divided what Coats we have left in 3 lots. They are rare bargains, all of them.

Lot No. 1.—Coats that we sold at \$4 to \$7. Now \$3.86.
Lot No. 2.—Coats that were \$8 to \$12, we offer at \$5.95.
Lot No. 3.—Coats that sold from \$12.50 to \$18.00, go for \$8.15.

Blankets.

We want to reduce this stock to its proper size, and in doing so we know that the price is the keynote. Kindly note them.

Blankets that sold for \$3.00, now \$2.45.
Blankets that sold for \$5.00, now \$3.98.
Blankets that sold for \$6.50, now \$5.40.

Special Linen Sale.

We put on sale all our Table Linen, which is the finest stock to be found anywhere in this part of the state, at greatly reduced prices.

Unbleached 19c to 75c. Bleached 40c to \$2.00 Red Damask 15c to 37c.

Shoes.

\$4.00 Shoes, without tips in now widths not quite all sizes at \$2.00.

Dress Goods.

In going over our stock we find lots of pieces of Dress Goods which contain full dress patterns, some only skirt lengths, others less, but we have put a price on them all which will move them. In every instance less than FIRST COST.

Another lot of those Dress Goods that were 45c. to \$1.00 at 29c. the yard.

Hill muslin, for January only, 6 1-2c. the yard.

Lancaster Gingham, for January only, 5c. the yard.

SALE CONTINUES ALL OF JANUARY.

PURSEL & HARMAN, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

OUR HOLIDAY STOCK

Not Mere . . . Foot Covers . . .

Is now ready for your inspection. The line is complete and in it you can find something for each member of the family. Games from 3 cents to \$1.75. Toy Books 5 cents and upward.

TEACHERS' BIBLES WITH NOTES \$1.10 TO \$7.00.

Framed and unframed pictures.

Any book published furnished at Wanamaker prices.

WILLIAM H. SLATE,

EXCHANGE HOTEL B LD.

SUBSCRIBE FOR

THE COLUMBIAN

but easy, comfortable, stylish shoes.

SHOES THAT ARE CORRECT

That's what up-to-date men want. That's what we sell, and we don't draw heavily on pocket books either. Fitting feet is our specialty, and we assure perfect comfort to every patron. We carry the largest stock of boots, shoes and rubbers in the county, and all new and fresh and bright. Every size, every shape, and prices not too high—nor too low.

Jones & Hatter
FEET FITTERS
BLOOMSBURG, PA.