

**TIMES ARE HARD.**

So is a cake of ice, but you can melt it. Perhaps we can help you soften the hard times if you are looking for bargains in a \$2.00 shoe. We have recently reduced to this price several lots of Ladies' fine shoes, and have widths A to E, but not all sizes.

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**THE COLUMBIAN.**  
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Democratic Committee Call.

The members of the Democratic County Committee of the County of Columbia are hereby notified to meet in the Court House at Bloomsburg Saturday March 27th at 2 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of electing a chairman and secretary and five persons as delegates to the State Convention.

C. A. SMALL, WM CHRISMAN,  
Sec. Chairman.

**SALES.**

James Bower, Executor of the estate of George Bower, deceased, will sell real estate on the premises in Briarcreek township, on Thursday, April 15, 1897, at two o'clock, P. M.

FOR SALE. A good slate black-board about 10 feet by 3 feet, suitable for school, will be sold cheap. Apply to Geo. E. Elwell, Bloomsburg, Pa. if.

**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.**

**EAST BENTON.**

J. F. Ashelman who moved to Bloomsburg about the first of last April into one of Correll's houses, and in the first part of last January moved to Wilkesbarre, has at present a very afflicted family. All the children, five in number including Mrs. Ashelman are all down with the measles. The two eldest children, Ladora and Johnny are at this writing in a critical condition with pneumonia.

Last Saturday afternoon the har-binger of electric storms made its appearance with several thunder showers passing over this place.

Isaac P. Belles, of this township, died last Saturday and was buried in the Ravenscreek cemetery last Monday afternoon. He was aged about forty-five years. A widow and three children, two daughters and a son survive to mourn their loss. I. P. Belles belonged to a family of eleven children, only three of whom, and the father, Mr. Thomas Belles survive; the latter of whom was born March 27th 1818.

On our trip to Wilkesbarre and back last Thursday and Friday we have no recollection of ever driving harder roads. Mud, mud, mud.

Hon. James McHenry of Cambria, is, and has been for a long time in a critical condition. He has been a victim for many years of lagrippe, and unless warm weather will recuperate his health, his present illness may prove fatal. He has been for many years the leading merchant of Cambria, and is a man of more than ordinary intelligence and has always been very much interested in the political movements and changes of parties in our Government. He was a victim of Fort Mifflin and always a staunch democrat.

**A Peculiar Kind of Headache.**

This distressing condition of pain in megrim is most invariably confined to one side of the head and is distinctly localized in the frontal (above the eyes), temporal or occipital (above the nape of the neck) region. There is perhaps no form of pain more frequently encountered by the physician in his round of labor. It is an affection common in all climates, and neither height, depth nor atmospheric conditions confer immunity from the attack to those who are predisposed to it.

The fresh, cool fragrance upon the mountain top, the peaceful hush in the valley and the foam of the mad sea offer life giving and renewing properties sufficient to calm the most painful throes, but megrim never yields nor is held back by such as these. It is hereditary. It commonly shows itself the thirtieth year of age and subsides in later life.

Digestive disturbances were commonly supposed to be the causes which excited the attack. So, too, nervous exhaustion and nervous irritation were believed to be active factors in precipitating an attack. The best medical authorities now say the chief and most frequent cause of megrim is an abnormal condition of the eye or its appendages.—Philadelphia Record.

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**HELP BOOM CENTRALIA!**

The Philadelphia Times is offering a magnificent \$300 library to the public school outside of Philadelphia which shall before April 30th collect the most coupons cut from its columns. The Centralia High School has entered the contest for the prize and at present holds a creditable position in the race, having made a larger average gain per day than any other school in the contest since it has entered the arena to do battle for the prize.

Every school in this section should take pride in aiding Centralia to win such a grand prize. The High School at that place, under the efficient superintendency of J. H. Eisenhower, is a model in many respects and a first-class library would add greatly to the present meager equipment in that respect. Centralia's cause should be made the cause of the region.

No other school in this county has entered the contest, and hence there is no competition here. On Tuesday Centralia held sixth place. On Wednesday it stood fourth, having made a gain of about 6000 votes. If all persons who take the Times will cut out the coupons and leave them at this office we will forward them, and the donors will receive proper credit. Those who have helped thus far are THE COLUMBIAN, C. P. Elwell, R. W. Jacobs, F. E. Miller, D. Tasker. If the buyers of the Sunday Times will leave their coupons with R. W. Jacobs each Sunday it will be appreciated by the Centralia High School. Coupons more than seven days old cannot be voted. Cut out both coupons in each paper.

**A Great Saving for Horse Owners.**

Carriages, buggies and harness can be bought of the Elkhart Carriage and Harness Mfg. Co. of Elkhart, Ind., at one-third less than dealers' prices. Their products are described in a large catalogue that is mailed free.

**HOW TO FIND OUT.**

Fill a bottle or common water glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates a diseased condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. The frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

**WHAT TO DO.**

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists price fifty cents and one dollar. For a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail, mention THE COLUMBIAN and send your full post-office address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

**For Sale.**

Two Beautiful farms for sale or in exchange for town property—one farm is located 3 miles North of Millville, on the road from Iola to Pine Summit—and new Bank Barn on it, and farm No. 2 is located up fishing creek. For particulars inquire of S. D. Neyhard, office First National Bank Building, Bloomsburg, Pa. 3 18 2m.

**Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!**

Ask your Grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as an adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. 1/2 the price of coffee. 15c. and 25c. per package. Sold by all grocers. 3-4-4td.

**HOOD'S PILLS** cure Liver Ills, Biliousness, Indigestion, Headache. Easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

**HARRISBURG LETTER.**

**Measures Which Have Passed Both Houses.**

**FIGHT AGAINST THE POOL BILL.**

Should It Pass the Senate It Will Probably Meet Death in the House—Some of the New Measures Introduced—A Record Breaking Session Probable.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, March 23.—The record of the legislature at this period of the session is 743 bills introduced in both houses and 284 petitions presented praying for all sorts of legislation. Of the bills introduced into the house 289 are out of committee and on the calendar, and 209 bills have reached the governor, and three of the house bills have been signed by him and become a law. One of these is known as house bill No. 12, which provides for the classification of real estate and other property for purposes of taxation and election of assessors in cities of second class for not more than five nor less than three assessors; also house bill No. 4, providing for the election of probate judges, recorders and registers and the manner of filling such offices in case of death or vacancy, and house bill No. 20, authorizing the burgess and town council of the borough of Sharpshurg, Allegheny county, to levy a tax not exceeding 15 mills on the dollar on the assessed county valuation for the year. Among those now in the hands of the governor which have not been approved, as they but recently came into his hands, is an act authorizing the courts of quarter sessions to declare the seats of councilmen vacant when they fail to organize for ten days. A number of bills which have passed the house and senate have been sent to the governor this week.

There has been very considerable work done during the past week, and the majority of the bills on the calendar have been disposed of on second and third reading, and with the same industry expended during this week they will have a number of bills ready for the governor's consideration.

**Fight Against the Pool Bill.**

What is known as the pool bill, which was introduced in the senate some time ago and reported from committee, was pushed forward last week, so as to pass third reading by a vote of 29 to 13. It gives six months' license to the race track gamblers, to inaugurate a feature that will, according to its opponents, be productive of more evil and do more to demoralize society than almost anything else that could be named. If it should pass the senate the house will, by a good majority, kill it. It is, they say, a bill that should be protested against by all good thinking people, to prevent, if possible, the inauguration of pool racing and other forms of gambling in Pennsylvania.

Among the resolutions offered during the week was one asking for an investigation of the repairing of Grace church, the building now occupied by both branches of the legislature. In this resolution it was charged that the state paid for thousands of feet of lumber that was never used, and that in some instances the price charged for the lumber was \$55 per thousand, when it is claimed that the same lumber could be purchased at \$15 per thousand. Investigations have become so frequent and unpopular that the house decided to dispose of this case by referring it to the public buildings and grounds committee. This will be taken up during this week, and an effort made to ascertain if there has been any fraud perpetrated.

Among the features that have developed since my last letter in legislative circles were the introduction of three more reform bills in the house and senate. These prohibit city officials and corporations from interfering in politics, prevent political assessments and compel every man to pay his own taxes. The punishment in the political assessment bill is a fine of \$500 or one year in prison, and in that in relation to the payment of taxes for another person than the elector against whom the tax has been assessed the punishment is a fine of \$600 or six months' imprisonment.

The civil service reform bill, which applies only to the counties of Philadelphia, Allegheny, Schuylkill and Luzerne, passed the senate within the past few days. This bill will meet with considerable opposition in the house, as it is denounced by those who are opposed to it as unjust and unfair, and capable of being manipulated by the bosses.

**The House Bill Authorizing the Superintendent of Public Instruction to furnish every school in Pennsylvania with a copy of Small's Legislative Handbook, after a spirited debate, passed finally by a vote of 108 to 55.**

The amended Capital Bill. The house bill providing that the material used in the construction of the proposed capitol building shall be furnished by Pennsylvania firms and corporations, and that none but citizens of Pennsylvania be employed in the construction of the building, was amended by striking out the word Pennsylvania and substituting in its stead "United States," and will now no doubt pass both houses in its present form. In the discussion of this measure the opposition to Governor Hastings' plan to construct a new capitol building at a cost of \$550,000 took advantage of this occasion to denounce the absurdity of his estimate. There seems to be a disposition to prolong the settlement of the construction of a new capitol building, although a resolution was offered recently to that effect. Something should be done very soon to pass a bill designating the kind of a capitol to be built, and the cost, so as to have it completed and ready for use by the next legislature.

Among the bills that passed the house finally was one for the protection of public school houses and other buildings used and occupied for public school purposes, outbuildings thereof and public property; authorizing courts of common pleas to direct and decree the sale of real estate of insolvent debtors by their assignees for the payment of debt and the discharge by such sales of the right of dower by which such real estate is or may be charged or encumbered; to prevent the adulteration of vinegar; and to empower the trustees of hospitals

and asylums under the control of the commonwealth with corporate powers.

The bill introduced to legislate the state board of agriculture out of existence met with overwhelming defeat in the house. It was contended that as the state had a department of agriculture a state board was unnecessary.

Among the bills which passed finally in the senate recently were: Preventing employers of labor from discriminating against any employee because they are members of any labor unions; preventing fraud in the sale of trans-oceanic passage receipts, orders or tickets, and for other purposes; providing for the payment of mileage to poor directors; authorizing the cities of the commonwealth to purchase, acquire, take, use and appropriate private properties for public park purposes; extending for a further period of five years the time during which corporations incorporated and existing under the laws of any other state are authorized to hold real estate heretofore purchased at sheriff's or other judicial sales; to provide for the payment of costs of prosecutions in misdemeanors and surety of the peace cases by the person or persons on whom such costs may be imposed; and to provide for the punishment of such persons and the payment of such costs in default; to equalize the levy and collection of assessments for local improvements in boroughs and cities of the state, except in first class cities; creating the office of county solicitor in counties having a population of 150,000; to provide that one burial permit shall be sufficient for interment in any cemetery or burial ground located within the county in which said permit is issued; increasing the number of common pleas courts in Philadelphia by the addition of another court, to be called common pleas court No. 5.

**Dr. Swallow Willing to Meet Charges.**

The senate determined to cause the arrest of Dr. Swallow and bring him under the bar of the senate for alleged contempt in refusing to give information respecting the capitol fire, and had arranged for a special meeting for his hearing, but the sergeant-at-arms, in whose hands Lieutenant Governor Lyons placed the warrant for his arrest, reported that he had failed to find his man. Dr. Swallow called on the lieutenant governor, however, the same evening and said that he was not seeking to avoid arrest, and would be on hand whenever it was found desirable. They have deferred his hearing, however, until the 22d of the month, but inasmuch as the trial of Dr. Swallow is now going on, it is doubtful if they will require him to leave the court until his trial is over.

The bill to create a state board of horsehoe examiners, which was defeated a few days ago, was brought up again for reconsideration and was considered. A very lively debate followed. A number of speeches were made in opposition, and it was claimed it would increase the price of horsehoeing, and that now was no time to increase the expenses of farmers. The bill was indefinitely postponed. It is very doubtful if this bill is again resurrected during this session.

A large delegation of the fish and game committee of the senate and house, and of the state fish commission, made an official inspection of the Allentown hatching station a few days ago. The purpose of this inspection was in order that the members of the legislature might have a more intelligent idea of the trout work of the commissioners, and to ascertain the need for extending the capacity of the hatching houses, and of the expediency of purchasing the property, or in lieu of that, another. The visiting members expressed themselves as very greatly pleased at the character of the work being done, and unanimously decided that it was absolutely necessary that the state should either purchase the property now held under lease or, failing to agree with the owners on a reasonable price, to locate elsewhere, and erect large hatching houses. The dilapidated character of the hatching houses made prompt action necessary.

**Proposal to Tax Bicycles.**

Among the bills to be introduced within the past few days was one to put a tax on each bicycle in the state, of course excepting those in the hands of dealers or manufacturers, of one dollar per annum, to be paid into the state treasury for the improvement of roads in the state. It is believed by the friends of this bill that a very considerable revenue can be derived from this law, which will greatly assist in the inauguration of great improvements to the public roads of the state. Senate bill No. 9, which provides for an improvement of the public roads of the state, has been reported from committee, and will no doubt pass the senate soon.

In order to relieve the country districts from double registration a bill has been introduced to amend the constitution so as to enable the legislature to pass the civil registration for city and country districts.

The bill providing for the printing, making and compiling of a war text book history, under the supervision of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to be used in the public schools of this commonwealth, and making an appropriation therefor of \$5,000, is to be framed by a "war text commission," to be composed of ten of the leading Grand Army men of the state.

The bill to reduce the salaries of mining inspectors of the anthracite coal regions from \$3,000 per annum to \$2,000 was the occasion of a very lively debate, but the house agreed to the bill on second reading. This will put the mine inspectors in the bituminous regions on an equality with those in the anthracite districts.

Another bill that has some assurance of becoming a law, at least as far as the house is concerned, is the amendment to the fee bill of 1893. This provides for the fees charged by constables, while the fish and game commission bill, which passed the house finally, and the bill providing for a state forestry reservation also have very fair prospects of becoming laws, as well as the measure making it a misdemeanor to insure, to aid or solicit the insurance of the life of any person non compos mentis or under the age of 16 years.

It is pretty generally admitted that this will be the longest session of the Pennsylvania legislature in many years. The members are now beginning to realize, and if developments continue as they have in the past few weeks it will be the middle of July before all the work is done.

**THE BROADWAY**

House Cleaning time is approaching, and we are prepared to meet your wants in house cleaning helps with the following necessities.

- Pride of the Kitchen, 5c, 6 for 25c.
- Bon Ami, 10c.
- Washing powder, 3c pkg.
- Scrub brushes, 4, 5, 8, 13c.
- Whisk brooms, 5, 12, 15c ea.
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- White wash brushes, 8c, 15c 24c each.
- Cloth brushes, 7c, 25c each.
- Stove brushes, 8c, 13c each.
- Paint brushes, 2c, 4c, 10c, 19c each.
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- Dust pans, 7c each.
- Carpet beaters, 10c each.
- Dusters, 8c and 20c each.
- Hat and coat hooks, 10c doz.
- Gold paint, 7c bottle.
- Insect powder guns, 5c each.
- Shelf oilcloth, 5c yd.
- Harness soap, 5c pc.
- Stair oilcloth, 7c yd.
- Oilcloth window shades 24c.
- Felt window shades, 2 for 25c
- Witch kloth, 10c pc.
- Household Ammonia, 8c bot.

**House Furnishing Goods.**

- Japanese four fold screens, \$1.75 and \$2.75.
- Derby curtains, \$2.98 pair.
- Lace curtains, 38c, 69c, 98c, a pair.
- White fringed napkins, 4c and 10c each.
- Good table linen in cream with fast color borders, 25c yd.
- Bleached table linen, 39c, 42c, 65c yd.
- Dinner napkins, beautiful patterns, 95c, \$1.20, \$1.60 to \$2.50 a doz.
- 46 inch bleached pillow case muslin, 11 1/2 c a yd.
- 9-4 and 10-4 bleached sheetings, 16c, 20c and 22c yard.
- Curtain scrim, 4c and 6c a yard.
- Turkey red table damask, 15c, 20c, 30c and 45c yard.
- Embroidered curtain goods, 18c, 23c and 25c yd.
- Small Japanese parasols for pipe hole covers, 9c each.
- Rugs, \$1.29, \$1.98, \$2.50 \$2.75.
- Ingrain carpet remnants, 1 yard square, 16c each.
- Japanese rugs 1 1/2 yds. long, \$1.49 each.

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- Lamp burners, 4c, 7c each.
- "chimneys, 5c each, 6 for 25c.
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- Basting spoons, 3c, 5c, 8c.
- Extra table knives and forks 4c each.
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- Table spoons 5c 1/2 doz.

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WILKES-BARRE, PA.,

March 25th, 1897.

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- 9-4 bleached Bed Sheets, best muslin, 44c.
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- All colors Rustline, 8c. quality, at the yard 5c.

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Those handsome Shepherd Checks, so popular this season in white and black, white and blue, white and green, and three tone effects, that usually sell at 49c., are reduced to the yard 39c. A special assortment of Viger-eaux, Beige and Covert Cloths for street and bicycle costumes, regular value 64c., are now 49c.

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Fine Brocade Silk and Velvet Capes, trimmed with lace and jet, all silk lined, are being offered at \$4.98.

**KID GLOVES.**

Four button Kid Gloves with fancy embroidered backs, made specially strong for ordinary wear just the gloves to save your best ones, will be sold at the pair 49c.

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