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Perhaps no decision of a Pennsylvania court has been more widely quoted by the State newspapers than that in which Judge Harry White, of Indiana county, defined what, in his judgment, constituted an intemperate man. The definition, it appears, was invited by the nature of the case, and it was fairly met. Judge White said: To our mind, then, a man so given to the habit that he very frequently goes to the bar for a drink, occasionally gets under the influence, yields to the temptation for getting liquor when offered, or accepts a treat whenever invited, leaves his employment frequently in working hours to get a drink, spends his earnings for it while other responsibilities are neglected, feeds a growing appetite for liquor without any effort for its control, is a person of intemperate habits; and when those habits become known to the community in general or in the neighborhood where he lives, or among the people with whom he has intercourse and who see him from time to time in the indulgence of those habits, he is under the ban of the liquor law as a person of known intemperate habits. If this test were applied in all the drinking places of the State the reduction of their receipts would be enormous, and yet it is not a bad test after all. Certainly the man who "feeds a growing appetite for liquor without any effort for its control" must soon become an intemperate man, if he is not such already. There are many who become such in spite of frequent effort.—Inquirer.

Petered Out Ignominiously. And so it turns out that the great American Protective Association, known by the abbreviation of A. P. A., has been brought to a timely end by a sheriff's sale. Its supreme headquarters, at Washington, were levied on and sold under the hammer some time ago, thus bringing to an ignominious conclusion the career of an organization which aspired to control the politics of the country by a combination of political and religious influences. This is another illustration of the fact that the American people have no use for organizations that are conducted on dark-lantern principles and by underground methods. The fate that overtook Know-nothingism, some forty years back, has been repeated in the extinction of the A. P. A. Public sentiment in this country has in these two instances given sufficient indication of its aversion to oath-bound practices in influencing either politics or religion. It was only last year that the A. P. A. assumed to dictate to political parties and to call presidential candidates to account. The arrogation of such importance furnishes a laughable contrast to the whack of the sheriff's hammer that knocked off the furniture of its headquarters to the highest bidder.—Ex.

Upheld by Judge Albright. Judge Albright of Allentown, who presided at a special term of Court in Stroudsburg made a decision the other day that will be of special interest to the fair sex at large. Miss Edith Custard, a sprightly and vivacious young miss of about 25 summers, was called to testify in an ejectment case between Louis Kaul and his son-in-law Sherman Coss. The lawyer pointedly asked Miss Custard her age. Her reply was: "I may be 30 for all you know, my age has nothing at all to do with the case and I refuse to answer your question." Judge Albright informed the lawyer that the woman's reply to his question was an appropriate one, and the subject was immediately dropped by the attorney.

Wife Supports the Husband. The supreme court of California has decided that under certain circumstances a wife may be compelled to support her husband. This decision was rendered in the case of an aged and infirm spouse who was deserted by his wife. The wife was ordered to pay her husband twenty-four dollars a month. There are men in other states who are strong and healthy, and yet compel their wives to support them. It is a pity that the courts cannot reach their kind.

The Good Offices of the Banks and Trusts.

(Continued) These benevolent and charitable institutions are seeking to take the farmers into their confidence, and to exercise a guardianship over them. Of course they begin to see that the farmers are not capable of taking care of their surplus cash, though they can manage the affairs of the farms. Their advice to farmers would indicate a great interest in their welfare. This is the first instance in the history of our knowledge that the money power, through the banks volunteered advice to farmers what to do with their surplus cash. This is only so by accident. The farmers of the wheat belt of the United States were benefitted by total crop failures in nearly all of the foreign countries, and to supply that demand, the farmers' surplus wheat flowed into foreign markets, and foreign capital flowed back, in return, into the farmers' coffers without the banks getting the first steal on the cash. Ah; if the farmers had only the "home market"—"the protected home market," which the Republican party for years has been trying to establish for the farmers, to consume all their surplus products, the case would be quite different, and the banks would have no advice to give to farmers, and the only aid the banks would render would be an increase of mortgages and higher rates of interest. It is only another dodge to deceive the farmers into another lease of the single gold standard power. The single gold standard conspiracy will hardly work its bunco game on the farmers in 1900. The farmers' surplus corn is not moving very fast in the home market, neither is rye or oats. The home market is so low, that it does not pay the farmers to raise them for revenue to defray home expenses. How different it would be if the farmers had a foreign market for these cereals as well as for wheat. The next move of bankers and trusts will be to join the grange, and try to lead the farmers into a hole.

ELECTRICITY FOR STEAM.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has about determined to substitute electricity for steam wherever this can be done with safety and commercial success. The statement is made upon what is believed to be excellent authority. The Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railroad, which is operated by electricity, is practically controlled by the Pennsylvania Company, and this controlling interest was acquired with the view of making experiments as to the relative values of electricity and steam as a motor power. While the equipment of this road has not been as heavily built, so far as the cars are concerned, as are electric cars on many suburban lines, especially in the north and west, it is known that the results thus far secured have been entirely satisfactory to its owners. It is pretty well understood in railway circles that the time is not far distant when there will be constructed an air line electric railway between Washington and New York and it is believed that the Pennsylvania Company will be largely interested in the scheme. At the Baldwin locomotive works, in Philadelphia, the statement was recently made by one of the managers that they were fully expecting electricity to take the place of steam within a very few years, and that their company and the Westinghouse, of Pittsburg, had constructed an electric engine, which had developed a speed of more than 100 miles an hour.

PERLS OF THE KLONDIKE.

Party of Shamokin Gold Hunters Faced Death. Mrs. Jacob F. Graeber, of Shamokin has received a letter from her husband, announcing that on Oct. 30 the Shamokin gold hunters had been cast ashore on the beach of Lake Tagish, in Northwest Territory, during a terrific hurricane, which had washed huge waves over their boats and rafts and came near ending their lives. The members of the party had only succeeded in traversing a distance of sixty miles over Lakes Bennett and Tagish. The Canadian mounted police declared that it will be impossible for them to reach Dawson City before spring, but Mr. Graeber adds that his party will push on at least 135 miles farther before going into Winter quarters, and, if possible, will continue to the Klondike without delay.

New Counterfeit \$2 Bill.

The banks have received notice that a new counterfeit \$2 Treasury note is in circulation. It is of fair workmanship and on paper of good quality. The silk threads of the genuine paper are, however, imitated by a few widely distributed red and blue ink marks. The note purports to be of the series of 1891, check letter D, plate No. 27, No. B, \$12756,528.

Court Proceedings.

Second week of Court convened Monday morning with all the Judges on the bench. Estate of John Michael, deceased. Rule granted to show cause why John H. Hetler, executor, should not pay Elizabeth Myers et al. the sums awarded them in the audit of said estate. Returnable the first of next term. Petition of W. B. Snyder, administrator of estate of John Tubeski, deceased, to amend report of sale. Granted. Estate of Mathias Kindt, deceased. Bond of administrator with A. V. Kressler and A. J. Crawford, approved. E. R. Ikeler appointed guardian of Sarah M. Ikeler, minor child of George Ikeler, deceased. Hannah A. Girton appointed guardian of Raymond B. and Boyd, minor children of C. B. Girton, deceased. Myron I. Low vs. Edward Ivey, Interpleader, and George Ivey vs. Edward Ivey, Interpleader, taken up and tried together. The following judgments were taken in open Court, for want of an appearance: A. W. Shelly, Adm'r, vs. W. B. Milnes et al., \$2,780.78. B. W. Jury vs. Emma Neyhard et al., \$732.53. W. B. Bright, Ag't, vs. Anna E. Bright, Sci. Fa. sur Judgment. Bloomsburg Banking Co. vs. John Jameson. Mundel & Co. vs. E. Maier, \$85 86. C. B. Cox et al. vs. John L. Case. Continued on application of plaintiff, and at cost of plaintiff. In the matter of the report of auditors of Bloom Poor District on the account of Isaiah Hagenbuch and M. H. Rhoads, directors of said district. Petition of O. T. Wilson for Court to make order giving him authority to employ counsel, &c. Rule granted to show cause, returnable to the first Monday of January, 1898. In re final account of W. B. Pennington, administrator of Mary Dreisbach, deceased. W. A. Evert appointed auditor. Estate of Chas. Moser, deceased. Frank Ikeler is appointed auditor. Estate of Daniel Morris, deceased. J. H. Maize is appointed auditor. Estate of James Johnson, deceased. G. M. Quick is appointed auditor. Estate of Lydia B. VanHorn, deceased. C. E. Geyer is appointed auditor. Myron I. Low and Geo. Ivey, vs. Edward Ivey, interpleader, verdict for the plaintiffs. Estate of Henry Kreisler, deceased. Return of sale confirmed nisi. Estate of Samuel Fisher, deceased. Order of sale of real estate granted. Estate of Levina Stout, deceased. In partition. Rule granted on all parties interested to appear in court on first Monday in February next to accept or refuse the premises at the valuation or a higher price or show cause why the same shall not be sold. The trespass cases of Martha A. Case and William Case vs. the D. L. & W. R. R. Co. were continued till next term. W. J. Knorr vs. D. C. Royer and D. Miller. This is a case wherein it is claimed a note for \$600, dated March 6th, 1893, payable one year after date, was signed by D. C. Royer and D. Miller. The former, it is claimed, took the note to W. J. Knorr, at Berwick, and got the money on the same. Mr. Knorr held the note for over three years, when he had it entered up. Mr. Miller claimed he did not sign the note; that it is a forgery. Hence the suit. Miller took proceedings to open the judgment, and also had Royer placed under bail on the charge of forgery. The case is still on trial as we go to press.

TOWN ORDINANCE, NO. 98

An ordinance to open Market Street from its present terminus at the Pennsylvania Canal, southwardly to River Street; and to vacate that portion of old public road leading from Market Street southwestwardly to River Street. Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomsburg, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same: That Market Street be opened from its present terminus at the Pennsylvania Canal, southwardly to River Street with a uniform width of one hundred and fifty feet, the centre line thereof being a continuation of the centre line of said street as already established from First Street to said Pennsylvania Canal. Section 2. That the portion of the old public road, above supplied, leading from Market Street southwardly to River Street, viz: from a point in Market about four hundred and thirty-eight feet northwardly from River Street, south sixty and one-fourth degrees west, one hundred and eighty-five feet; thence south, thirty-four and three-fourths degrees west seventy-nine feet; thence south seventeen and one-half degrees west four hundred and thirty-seven feet; thence south thirty-one and three-fourths degrees west one hundred feet to River Street, be and the same is hereby vacated. Attest: W. R. KOCHER, FREEZE QUICK, Pres. of Council. Secy. Passed Dec. 9th, 1897.

Out the Skein.

Williamsport Times: A good story is told on a certain dry goods clerk employed in Newberry. The young man has just secured the position, and is not as well acquainted with the business as he could be. Several days ago a farmer, living about three miles from Newberry, sent his son to the store where the young man is employed for a half skein of yarn. The clerk, picking up a skein, took his scissors and cut the loop at both ends, sending the boy home with numerous strands of yarn about a half yard long. The story is going the rounds, and the clerk's life will be made miserable for some time to come. Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over \$100,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac of your druggist, under guarantee to cure, file or \$1.00. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

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WE ARE SURE TO HAVE SOMETHING TO SUIT YOU AT TOWNSEND'S, Merchant Tailor and Haberdasher.

RESPECT THE STOMACH.

Few people do have proper respect for the stomach. If a thing "tastes good," and is not so hot or so cold as to be painful to the mouth or throat, it is swallowed by too many people regardless of consequences. Do not give the stomach food that will irritate it or retard it in the performance of its natural functions, or it will retaliate in a way, that is decidedly unpleasant. A headache, a "lump," or "heavy feeling" in the stomach, and irritations of the skin, are mostly symptoms of disordered digestion resulting from unwholesome food. Alum baking powders are responsible for the larger part of this unwholesome food, for it is a fact well recognized by physicians that alum renders food indigestible and unwholesome. The danger to health from this cause is so imminent that it behooves every one to adopt precautionary measures to keep alum baking powders, which are now so numerous, from the kitchen stores. It will be found that those powders sold at a lower price than Royal are almost invariably made from alum, and therefore of inferior quality and dangerous to health. The safer way is to look for the well-known red-and-yellow label of the Royal Baking Powder. That is certain to cover a powder free from alum. The Royal is made of cream of tartar, a pure, wholesome fruit acid derived from grapes. It is renowned for adding anti-dyspeptic qualities to the food, as well as for making finer and better food.

Once Again We Greet You.

The grand and glorious Xmas time is coming near and nearer. Our muse turns common prose into rhyme, a sort of homely Xmas chime—not in poetic style sublime, but, may be somewhat clearer. You know we have always tried before to make this season brighter. We have done our best to turn this store, with all its stock and stuff galore, into a place where more and more the people's hearts grow lighter. So far the Court its course may ken; We're going to do that thing again.

Dress Goods.

In these times, nothing more appropriate for a Xmas gift than a nice dress. We fully recognize the fact, and have added one more choice line to our bargains already offered you. You will find it to your advantage to look here before you buy. We now have 3 lots. All the goods in these lots are absolutely at and below cost. Lot No. 1, all wool Novelties at 23c. Lot No. 2, all wool Novelties at 29c. Lot No. 3, all wool Novelties at 58c.

Silverware.

This department has also had a going over. You know the kind we sell. It is the best for the money, and the price is by far lower than we can match again. Goods we sold at \$2.25 for each piece, viz., tea pot, sugar bowl, etc., now are marked at \$1.50. Quality the same as it used to be.

Coats and Wraps.

It will be a long time before you will be able to get such rare bargains in COATS as we are now offering you. Remember we have put prices on all Coats that you cannot help but see when you are saving lots of money. Just take a look at them.

China & Lamps.

We have the finest display of these goods to be found in town. Our China is in full view down the center aisle of our Dry Goods Department. It consists of an almost endless variety of fancy dishes, and our dinner and chamber sets are the lowest in price and latest in design to be found in town.

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We always sell the Best Wrappers you can buy for the money. We are now offering you for the Holiday trade a Special in this line. Here it is. A \$1 Wrapper at 79c.

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We are going to give you an opportunity to buy Kid Gloves at prices unheard of before. We offer you the following: \$1.00 kid gloves at 75c. \$1.25 kid gloves at \$1.00. Centimeries kid gloves in all shades, at \$1.20.

Linens.

We have a reputation for our linen. It is one we are justly proud of. Our stock is the finest you can imagine. Table linens, and napkins, and handkerchiefs in endless variety. We lay special stress on our display of Handkerchiefs, as they are the Finest in Bloomsburg in quality and lowest in price.

Groceries.

Our line of Groceries is far superior to any you can find in town. We buy only from the best houses, and the prices are, you will find, in comparison to the quality of the goods, far lower than elsewhere. If you will try us in this department, what we say you will find correct.

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ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual election of the stockholders of the Bloomsburg Banking Company, to choose a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the bank on Tuesday, January 11, 1898, between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon. JOHN G. FREEZE, Secretary.