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Great Britain refused to agree to our proposed international treaty prohibiting either American or British subjects from hunting seals in the open sea at present. In return for this the sealing bill passed by our congress, signed by President McKinley and now a law will exactly hit Great Britain for her churlish refusal to help us protect the seals. It prohibits the importation into this country of Bering sea seal skins. The greatest market for these skins is the United States, where people have more money than in most countries. Canadians were in the habit of slaughtering wholesale our seals, sending the skins to London and having them dressed and dyed and then selling them to us for the cloaks of American ladies. Now, no matter how many seals they catch, Canadians cannot sell the skins to us. Their best market is cut off, and it serves them right.

Plainly But Truly Spoken.
 At a meeting of Cuban sympathizers in Philadelphia last week to condemn Spain's deceptive offer of autonomy, Col. A. K. McClure came so near the truth as to express it exactly in regard to that matter when he said that the autonomy which Spain would give the Cubans is "a fraud in nearly every feature." This is true for the reason that this Spanish scheme does not include a single feature of true home rule, and even if it were not objectionable on that account so little reliance can be placed in the sincerity of Spanish promises that the Cubans can justifiably reject the offer of terms which they know will not be kept. And in another respect Col. McClure made no mistake when he condemned the course which our government has pursued, and continues to pursue, in not requiring that Spain shall observe the usages of civilized warfare in the hostility she is waging against a people who are exercising the same right to rebel against oppression as was claimed by our forefathers when they revolted against British tyranny.—Ex.

To Advance the Cost of Living.
 Prosperity is on the way. The price of nails, thread, hose, tinware, rubber, enameled ware, machinery, and bread are to be advanced by the Trusts, while the Dingley tariff will advance all wearing material in the Spring, or as soon as wool importations are necessitated. Here is a short list of recent combines and organizations of capital to corner the products most in use:
 1. Wire nail trust, capital \$70,000,000.
 2. Machinery trust, capital \$60,000,000.
 3. Enameled ironware trust, capital \$10,000,000.
 4. Beer trust, capital \$60,000,000.
 5. English thread trust, capital \$50,000,000.
 6. Cotton hose trust, capital \$25,000,000.
 7. Biscuit trust, capital \$30,000,000.
 8. Tinware stamping trust, capital \$25,000,000.
 9. Rubber goods trust, capital \$50,000,000.
 It will doubtless be asserted that if manufacturers obtain better prices for their products that better wages will be paid. Does any one believe it? Wages is the last thing to advance, and 99 times out of 100 only through strikes. While we trust such will not be the case, in our opinion the next twelve months will see great unrest among labor, and serious trouble through efforts to obtain better remuneration or resist further reductions.—Scranton Times.

Novel Bill Collecting.
 A man to whom a small debt is owed has taken a novel way to collect it. After blowing the debtor up on the street in the presence of passers-by and street loafers, he accosts him whenever he sees him. If the debtor notices him he credits him with so many cents for recognition. If he doesn't notice him at all it is one cent credit. After each meeting the creditor sends in a new bill with the proper credits.

Senator Quay says he will not move his home from Beaver.

THIS YEAR.
 This year 1898 commenced on Saturday and of course will close on Saturday—years that are not leap year always commences and end on the same day of the week. There will be six eclipses during the year, three of the sun and three of the moon. Only two of them are of any interest in this locality. The dates of the eclipses are: Partial eclipse of the moon, January 7, visible; total eclipse of the sun, January 22, invisible in North America; partial eclipse of the moon, July 3, invisible; annular eclipse of the sun, July 18, visible in the South Pacific; partial eclipse of the sun, December 13, visible in the Southern Ocean; total eclipse of the moon, December 23, visible in this country. Both the eclipses visible here occur at a favorable time for observation.

The holidays of the year will fall on the following days of the week: New Years on Saturday; Washington's birthday on Tuesday; Decoration Day on Monday; July 4th on Monday; Labor day on Monday, September 3; election day on Tuesday, November 8, the very latest date on which it can possibly fall; Thanksgiving on the 29th of the same month, and Christmas on Sunday.

The church seasons, or the most important ones, fall as follows: Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, will be on February 24. The penitential season will close on Palm Sunday, April 3, when Holy Week commences, closing the following Sunday, April 10, which will be Easter Sunday. Last year Easter came about a week later. Ascension Day is May 19, Whit Sunday May 29, and Trinity Sunday June 5, when the flowers will fill the fields and gardens.

STATS NEWS.
 —Joel Davidson, of Mahoning Valley, has been missing since December 21. Foul play is suspected.
 —Centre County farmers will try to grow peaches. More than 10,000 trees have been planted during the past six months.
 —The returns from the triennial assessments show 57,141 taxables in Berks County.
 —A \$450,000 syndicate has assumed control of the milk business of Scranton, absorbing all the smaller dealers.
 —Joseph Baker, aged 72, Friday evening at Pittsburg married Anna Gray, aged 70. Both live at New Kensington, Pa. This is the third time the groom has been married, and is the fourth experience for the bride. The old people were acquaintances when they were children, but got separated and had not met for fifty years until one day last spring.
 —Mahoning City will vote at the February election on a proposition to increase the borough's indebtedness \$80,000, the funds to be used for street paving.
 —The Pennsylvania railroad company has placed an order for 100,000 tons of steel rails with five different companies, as follows: Pennsylvania steel company and Cambria iron company 25,000 tons each; Carnegie steel company, 30,000 tons; Lackawanna iron company, 5,000 tons, and the Illinois steel company, 15,000 tons. The rails will be of the 100 pound standard size, and will be used in building new lines and replacing old rails. The size of the order is gratifying to the steel industry, as the company's corresponding order of last year was only for 40,000 tons.

Superior Court Changes.
 Plan to Do Away With the Sessions in Williamsport and Scranton.
 It has just come to light that the committee of the State Bar association, which met at Lancaster on Dec. 29, has under consideration a bill to be introduced at the next session of the legislature, modifying and changing the act creating the superior court. This bill is intended to increase the jurisdiction of the court, so that it can hear all cases involving sums up to \$1,500, instead of \$1,000 as at present. The bill also provides that the court meet at the same places that the supreme court does, which will not make it necessary for the superior court judges to meet in Scranton and Williamsport. This last amendment will be very vigorously opposed and may be abandoned.

It begins to look as though Spain will not be contented until war is declared with this country. Consul General Lee, who is at Havana has been given authority to call for any war ships, whenever he deems it necessary to save American interests on the Island.

THE BAR ASSOCIATION.
 There is much activity in the several Counties of the State, among the Bar Associations. The requirements for admission to the Bar are everywhere being insisted upon, and preliminary education, and increased terms of study are required. A higher standard of ethics is made the requisite of admission, and personal and social as well as professional demeanor are becoming to be among those things which a lawyer is expected and required to possess.

The honor of the body of the Bar, as a profession, and not as a mere business, much less as a trade to be followed, is raising the personnel of the members, and in dress and demeanor on the street as well as in the Court, is expected, and the members are rising to the occasion. Much of this is no doubt owing to the exertions and meetings of the State Bar Associations where the members of the Bar of different counties come together, compare notes and also compare themselves with each other, with their carriage, demeanor, manners, language, conversation and deportment, and naturally attempt to follow the very best examples of dignity and propriety.

Members of the most important of the learned professions, their duties to themselves, society, the state, and to the administration of civil and criminal law forces them to a very high position, which they should strive to adequately fill and to adorn. It is mainly the lawyers who fill the highest civil offices, the Presidency, the Senate, Congress, the foreign ministers, the Consuls; and it should be their pride to be prepared for a call to the highest places.

Every member of the Bar of Columbia County ought to be a member of the Bar Association, attend its meetings, take part in the business, and give it personal, professional and social position.

THE PRESIDENT.
 COLUMBIA COUNTY PROHIBITION CONFERENCE.
 Notice is hereby given to the Prohibition County Committeemen and to all Prohibition workers of Columbia county to meet in conference at the office of M. P. Lutz & Son, Bloomsburg, Pa., on Tuesday, January 25, 1898, at 3 o'clock p. m. to prepare for the campaign of 1898.

The County Committee will at this time have before them the fixing of the time and place for holding next County Convention, perfecting the organization of our party as provided under the new rules adopted at last County Convention, and other business of great importance. Let every committeeman be on hand.

The committeemen of North and South Sugarloaf, East and West Greenwood, Millville Borough, East and West Scott and the Town of Bloomsburg comprising the Bloom Poor District will nominate a candidate for the office of Director of the Poor for said District.

The following committees will each organize and outline their work for the campaign, viz: Finance, Meeting, Organization, Literature, Publication, Voting Places, Law, Music.
 Topics of great interest to all will be discussed. All Prohibitionists are invited to be present.
 W. B. CUMMINGS,
 County Chairman.
 C. B. LUTZ,
 Secretary.

Arrangements are being made for Hon. William J. Bryan to visit Scranton on or about February 14th. A committee to make the detail arrangements has been named but the work is in charge of the entire County Committee. Mr. Bryan will speak at the Lyceum and a street parade will mark his entrance to the city.

Poisoned Blood
 Disagreeable Itching Spread All Over His Body—Sleep Disturbed—Hood's Sarsaparilla Drove Out the Poison and Cured.
 "I have been poisoned every summer for years. Last summer the poison came out on me worse than ever before. I would frequently be awakened during the night by the itching. I would scratch myself, but instead of being relieved the trouble spread to different parts of my body. I tried various remedies which people recommended to me, but none of them ever helped me. I made up my mind the poison could not be cured until my blood was pure and then I decided to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. While taking the first bottle I felt relieved from the itching. I kept on taking the medicine and it has entirely cured me. I am now on my fourth bottle and I can sleep soundly at night." WILLIAM RAN, 3128 Westmont Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
 Is the Best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. \$1; six for \$5. Get only Hood's.
 Hood's Pills
 cure liver ills; easy to take, easy to operate.

SEE THE
 BIG REDUCTION
 IN MERCHANT TAILORING,
 FOR 10 DAYS.
 \$16.00 SUITS NOW \$13.00,
 Made to your measure at
 TOWNSEND'S, MERCHANT TAILOR.

LITERARY NOTE
 Success in "Striking" Titles.
 The value of a striking title to an article or story is understood by no American periodical so well as *The Ladies' Home Journal*, writes a New York correspondent. It has made its title famous by their uniqueness. Its "Side-Talks With Girls," "Heart to Heart Talks" and "Unknown Wives of Well-Known Men" have been ridiculed and paraphrased from one end of the country to the other. But it has all been grist for the Philadelphia periodical. Just now the title of "The Inner Experiences of a Cabinet Member's Wife" is attracting attention. Julia Magruder's new love-story is given the title of "A Heaven-Kissing Hill"—taken from Shakespeare, really, but who but the *Journal* would have thought of it? Marion Crawford's new story is called "The Dead Smile"—a title good enough to seal any story.

"The Men I Never Married" is tackled to a new series. "The Man Under Thirty-five" made the reputation of Lihan Bell in this magazine. "My Literary Passions," under which Mr. Howells wrote in the *Journal*, served at once to attract attention. Julian Hawthorne sends a strong story to the magazine, but with a poor title. It is immediately rechristened "There are no Wolves in Ireland." Yet each title adopted by this clever magazine fits the story and is really the best caption for it. "A Minister of the World" started that story on its success. "Mr. Beecher as I Knew Him" was an immitable title for Mrs. Beecher's memoirs of her husband. "The Gentleman Who is Going to Die" is the caption for a forthcoming story by Clara Morris. Talk about cleverness in titles, what magazine is such a p. i. master in the art as is *The Ladies' Home Journal*? And a newspaper man knows how difficult this art of title-making is. But nothing is so valuable in attracting the eye of the public.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.
 Estate of James Johnson, Deceased.
 The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, to make distribution of the funds in the hands of the administrator, to and among the parties legally entitled thereto, will sit at the office of W. H. Snyder, Esq., in Bloomsburg, Pa., on Monday, January 21, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., to perform the duties of his appointment, when and where all parties having claims against said funds, must appear and prove the same, or be debarred from any share thereof.
 12-29-97. G. M. QUICK, Auditor.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
 By virtue of writ of alias F. Pa. and Vend. Ex., issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Pa., and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg, on
 SATURDAY, FEBY 12, 1898,
 at 2 o'clock p. m., all that certain piece, parcel or lot of ground, situate in the town of Bloomsburg, Columbia county and state of Pennsylvania, at the south-east corner of Ninth street and an extension of Iron street, thence along said Ninth street north sixty-five degrees and fifty minutes, east three hundred feet to lands lately laid out and sold by O. A. Jacoby and his administrators; thence by same south twenty-eight degrees and five minutes, east one hundred and twenty-eight and one-tenth feet, thence westwardly parallel with Ninth street three hundred seven and one-fourth feet to Iron street aforesaid, thence by same north twenty-four degrees and twenty minutes, west one hundred and twenty-eight feet to the place of beginning, whereon are erected a
 TWO-STORY BRICK BUILDING
 used for manufacturing purposes, and out-buildings.
 Seized, taken into execution at the suit of F. J. Richard, Trustee, vs. The Bloomsburg Manufacturing Company, and F. W. Jones vs. The Bloomsburg Manufacturing Company, and to be sold as the property of The Bloomsburg Manufacturing Company.
 Walter, W. W. BUCK, Sheriff.
 Herring, Attys. 1-20-98

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 SATURDAY, FEBY 12, 1898,
 at two o'clock p. m., all that certain messuage, tenement and tract of land, lying and being in, on the north-west corner of Catharine street, in the town of Bloomsburg, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a corner of Eight and Catharine streets, north twenty-five degrees and fifty-six minutes, west seventy feet to a stone corner of lot of C. W. Miller, thence along same south sixty-two degrees and fifteen minutes, west thirty feet to a stone corner of lot of F. G. Yorks, thence along same south twenty-four degrees and fifty-six minutes, east seventy feet to Eighth street, thence along said Eighth street north sixty-six degrees and thirty minutes, east thirty feet to the place of beginning.
 Seized, taken into execution at the suit of the Anglo American Savings and Loan Association vs. Hattie L. Webb and J. Nelson Webb, and to be sold as the property of Hattie L. Webb and J. Nelson Webb.
 Little & Tustin, W. W. BLACK, Attorneys. Sheriff. 1-20-98

WIDOW'S APPRAISEMENTS.
 The following Widow's Appraisements will be presented to the Orphans' Court of Columbia County Feb. 7th, 1898 and confirmed nisi, and unless exceptions are filed within four days will be confirmed finally.
 John Neyland, Personality \$300.00.
 Henry Kote, Personality \$300.00.
 Richard Edwards, Personality \$102.66 Realty \$197.40.
 Mathias Heller, Personality \$300.00.
 Jacob H. Creasy, Personality \$300.00.
 Parson Edwards, Personality \$200.00.
 Est. of William Frahier, late of Cleveland twp. deceased, Personality, \$300.00.
 Est. of Daniel Fritz, late of Sugarloaf twp. deceased, Personality \$300.00.
 W. H. HENRIE, Clk. Orphans' Court.

NOTICE.
 Notice is hereby given that the following accounts have been filed in the Common Pleas of Columbia County, and will be presented to the said Court on the first Monday of February, A. D. 1898, and confirmed nisi, and unless exceptions are filed within four days thereafter, will be confirmed absolute.
 1. The first and final account of Elias Krebs, committee of Lavina DeWitt.
 W. H. HENRIE, Prothy.
 Bloomsburg, Pa., Jan. 6, 1898.

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One week devoted to the rapid movement of accumulated stock in all departments. Every item must find an anxious buyer, and every buyer must see the unparalleled money saving.

Two Great Features of the Sale:
 Saves money for the public. Moves stock for the merchant.

Dress Goods.
 In measuring our goods for stock taking, we have taken full bolts, broken bolts, dress lengths, and remnants out of our great line of Dress Goods, from 25c to \$1.25, and put them in four lots. We did not consider the cost, but what price will move them.
 Lot No. 1, 23c, worth 25c to 40c.
 " 2, 25c, " 35 to 50c.
 " 3, 29c, " 40 to 75c.
 " 4, 58c, " 8c to \$1.25

Ladies' Coats.
 Not one of the hundred up-to-date garments escape the price pruning knife. Profits go a gleaming, and cost is lost sight of. There is just this about it, the stock is going to be reduced, and we invite every woman in the community who has the most remote idea of making a coat purchase this season to be first on the ground.

Blankets.
 If you want a pair of blankets, now is the time to buy them. We cannot replace them for the price we offer them next fall, but we don't want the care of them through the summer.
 So they go at these prices.
 Lot No. 1, @ \$2.49, worth \$3.50.
 " 2, @ 3.98, " 5.00.
 " 3, @ 4.98, " 6.50.

Muslins.
 10 yds. Hill muslin, 47c.
 Unbleached muslin, equal to Appleton A, at 4c yd.
 Best quality unbleached muslin, 20 yds. for \$1.00.
 Lancaster Gingham, staples, 4 1/2 y.

Hosiery.
 50 dozen heavy ribbed hose, one of the best make in the market, good for misses and boys. We have never sold them for less than 15c. This lot we will sell for 11c a pair.

Underwear.
 30 dozen men's natural wool shirts and drawers, 60 per cent. wool; goods we cannot sell for less than 75c next fall, now go at our sale for 44c.

Our assortment of ladies' and children's underwear, union suits, vests and drawers, in different lots will be found the best value we have ever offered.

Groceries.
 Our grocery department is full of the best things to eat that we can buy, and we sell them as low if not lower than any store in town for the quality of goods.
 Arbuckle's and Levering's coffee, 10c a lb.
 Chase & Sanborn's coffee, loose, @ 12 1/2c lb.
 Prunes, the kind you buy for 8c elsewhere, @ 5c lb.

Tinware.
 We have a big lot of tinware that must be closed at once, so we throw them in three lots and let them go. It is next thing to giving them away but they go at these prices.
 Lot No. 1 @ 3c. Lot No. 2 @ 5c.
 Lot No. 3 @ 10c.

F. P. PURSEL,
 JONES & WALTNER
 are still doing
 BUSINESS
 at the old stand,
 50 West Main Street,
 Bloomsburg, Pa.
 Watch this space next week.