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CANDIDATES. FOR REPRESENTATIVE, North Side, Second term. WILLIAM CHRISMAN, of Bloomsburg. FOR PRESIDENT JUDGE OF THE 26TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT. E. R. IKELER, of Bloomsburg.

The American people are patiently waiting for Commodore Dewey's own account of the Manila conflict. While there is no doubt of the completeness of the victory, yet his story will be the most acceptable.

On one day last week the Senate passed upwards of seventy private pension bills. With the war now going on, and its thousands of new pensions in sight it is no time to keep adding to an already overgrown pension roll.

William M. Singlerly who died in Philadelphia a few months ago was entangled in an indebtedness of over \$5,000,000. This bit of information was the sensational feature of a statement given by George H. Earle Jr., receiver of the Chestnut Street National Bank and one of the managers of the famous bank plan.

If the United States should be obliged to capture Havana it would not be an altogether novel experience for the town over three hundred years ago. In 1762 a British fleet took possession of the city, landing 14,000 men and defeating a Spanish force of 27,000.

Appropriation Gone.

It is said that practically the entire emergency appropriation of \$50,000,000 made by Congress for the national defense has now been allotted to the various bureaus of the War and Navy department.

The True and the False.

Pennsylvania's state motto is, "Virtue, Liberty and Independence." It is hardly necessary to add that it is ideal rather than real. With the exception of a few years, the people of this commonwealth have not been permitted to enjoy the condition embodied in the motto for more than a century.

MT. GREINA. The camp ground at Mt. Greina is one of the garden spots of the State. It lies in a valley about five miles south west of Lebanon, and furnishes every variety of surface for the practice evolutions of the troops.

The valley in which the troops assembled is about two miles long and a half mile in breadth, the green slopes of the South Mountain rising upon both sides, and spurs cutting off each end. In the centre is a slightly rolling parade ground, with a broad expanse of green turf, upon which the evolutions of the troops can be conducted.

How the State Aims to Aid the Farmer.

Dr. H. T. Fernald, who has recently been appointed Economic Zoologist to the Department of Agriculture of Pennsylvania, describes his duties as being the investigation of all kinds of animals which are injurious or beneficial to field and garden crops, fruit, stock and other agricultural interests of the State.

If we apply these facts to a few, only, of the crops of Pennsylvania we find that the estimated value of the wheat, Oats, Barley, Hay, Corn, Potatoes and Tobacco produced in the State during 1896 was \$80,749,080, while if losses by insect and other similar causes had been prevented, it would have been nearly \$90,000,000, showing that on these crops alone, the loss to the State each year is nearly \$10,000,000.

It is only when the loss is greater than usual, that the damage is felt, and remedies are sought. Yet more than half of this destruction could be prevented if a knowledge of how to protect crops from their foes were general.

It is to this line of work that the Zoologist intends to direct his efforts, offering to all who are interested, information how best to prevent these losses, or to check the foe when it has already appeared.

Bulletins describing injurious insects and other animals, the work they do, and how to treat them will also be published, both in the newspapers and as pamphlets for distribution. It is hoped in this way to induce the people of the State to use the opportunities which have been prepared for them by the Legislature in this line, and in the end, save many millions of dollars each year.

A PATRIOTIC BARBER. Several days ago a stranger walked into a barber shop on Third street. He was well-dressed, but needed a shave very badly. After taking off his collar and necktie he climbed into the vacant chair and one of the proprietors, who by the way is a prominent member of the S. of V., started to shave him, but the beard was so tough and wiry that it required an extra amount of lather to soften the beard so that it would shave easy.

The barber said nothing at first, but by the time he was ready to start to shave him, the stranger became very excited and commenced to tear up America and the American people in general. This so angered the barber that he quietly opened the door and then walked back to the chair and took the towel from around the stranger's neck and ordered him out in double quick time without even washing the lather off his face.

STRAY PARAGRAPHS.

Dewey's feat will outlive him. News from the front—first page. Go to 'em Sampson, and duplicate it. If you want to make the most of a sponge, put it in water. Fish are reported scarce at the headwaters of Fishingcreek.

The rain on Tuesday didn't do a thing to the Daily's bulletin board despatches. That team of young preachers from Selingsgrove was too much for the Normals Saturday. There is no disguising the color of the ill fated battleship Maine, it was "blew" from the bottom up.

The Prohibitionists of Columbia County will convene for the purpose of nominating a county ticket, elect delegates to the State Convention, elect Congressional, Senatorial and Judicial conferees, at the Opera House Catawissa, Thursday May 12, 1898.

Your friends may smile But that tired feeling Means danger. It indicates impoverished And impure blood.

This condition may Lead to serious illness. It should be promptly Overcome by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, Which purifies and Enriches the blood, Strengthens the nerves, Tones the stomach, Creates an appetite, And builds up, Energizes and vitalizes The whole system. Be sure to get Only Hood's.

ELECTION NOTICE. Agreeably to the provisions of an act of Assembly, passed the 22nd day of April, 1875, the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bloomsburg Literary Institute and State Normal School of the Sixth District will be held on the first Monday of May, being May 2, 1898, between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon of said day at the office of Normal School in the Dormitory in the town of Bloomsburg, Pa.



Our Leaders For Spring.

Swell Spring Overcoats, new shades, lap seams, well lined, from \$7.00. Handsome Suits for Children; vestee styles, from \$1.65. Men's nobby spring all wool Suits from \$5.00.

Remember our goods are ALL NEW, no old stock. Call and be surprised at what you can buy for little money at Townsend's Star Clothing House.

JOHN STINER.

John Stiner died at his home on Iron Street Tuesday morning, from a paralytic stroke which he suffered while working on the road about two weeks ago. He was an old soldier having served in Company F, 112 Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Literary Note.

The May number of "Book News" opens with a short story by Will N. Harben—"The Rural Visitor." Mr. Harben was for two years on the editorial staff of the "Youths Companion," which he left to travel abroad. He is a Southerner. His pen is prolific and well-guided.

Some Foolish People

Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "oh, it will wear away," but in most cases it will wear them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose.

Quick Communication

Facilitates Business. Use the LOCAL TELEPHONE and Communicate.

Direct with persons in Berwick, Catawissa, Danville, Riverside, Rupert, Willow Grove, Almedia, Lightstreet, Lime Ridge, Mifflinville, Millville, Rohrsbng, Nescopeck, Orangeville, Stillwater and Benton. Also long distance lines to nearly all the towns in the different States. Rates reasonable. Local exchange over Postoffice.

CENTRAL PENNA. TELEPHONE & SUPPLY CO., JOHN KENYON, Manager.

Jurors for May Term of Court. SECOND WEEK. Bloomsburg—Oscar Lowenberg, A. B. Cathcart, James Reilly. Benton—S. F. Appleman.

GET YOUR JOB PRINTING DONE AT THE COLUMBIAN OFFICE

A QUESTION OF QUALITY AND VALUE

Set forth the argument for to-day's selling features. No flimsy imitations are tolerated in this store for the purpose of naming alluring price-figures.

Lace Curtains. 500 pairs strong comprise the lot. An interesting item to offer just at house cleaning time. Perhaps for more interesting in actual saving than all could understand without a personal investigation.

This is an instance where wholesale quantity buying demonstrates its value creating for the customers. 45c pr., 65c, 75c, 79c, 98c, \$1, 1.25, 1.35, 1.50, 1.75, 2, 2.25, 2.75, up to \$7.50.

Wash Goods. Owing we suppose to climate influence, have not been moving fast enough to suit us. The following prices will move them even in the face of a backward spring we think.

30 pieces of fine Organdie, worth 12 1/2c., we put on sale Wed. morning, April 27, at 8c. Wrappers. We will put on sale on Wed. morning, a lot of ladies' wrappers, made of Simpson's silver gray calico goods, worth \$1.00, we will sell for 79c.

Another lot worth \$1.25 go for 98c. Ladies' Muslin Underwear. Three of the biggest bargains ever offered in Bloomsburg go on sale Wednesday morning.

Ladies' robes, worth 65c, at 48c. " robes, " 50c, at 29c. " drawers " 25c, at 19c. Ribbons. Our ribbon stock has never been as large or as complete as you will find it now.

Moire taffeta sash ribbon 5 in. wide, 30c, worth 50c., in all the new shades for spring.

Double faced sateen ribbon in all shades and widths. Striped and plaid in all widths and shades at prices that will please you. Dress Goods. A collection double the quantity and sorts that we have hitherto shown.

Assortments that will compare favorably with any in the country. If the largest variety to select from at lowest prices will win your trade, we are bound to sell you your spring dress. We offer one special lot this week at 39c, worth 50c.

Lot 2 at 56c yd., worth 65c. Lot 3 at 65c yd., worth 85c. Dinner Sets. We will put on sale Wed. Apr. 27, 8 sets dishes, 100 pcs. in each set, goods that we can guarantee, with neat decorations, at \$7.48 a set.

Lot 2, 100 pieces for \$9.76 set. Lot 3, 100 pcs. Johnson Bros. porcelain at \$10.48 set. Lot 4, 100 pcs. Johnson Bros. porcelain at \$12.50 set. Lot 5, 100 pcs. Johnson Bros. porcelain at \$14.00 set. Lot 6, 100 pcs. Johnson Bros. porcelain at \$16.00.

Groceries. In our Grocery Department we will sell for the next ten days, commencing April 27, and we will sell until May 9, one grade of standard Rio coffee at 10c a lb. Chase and Sanborn's coffee, 2 pounds for 25c. Van Camp's baked beans, prepared with tomato sauce, at 11c a can, a saving to you of 4c on each can you buy.

F. P. PURSEL. 46 East Main Street. CORSER'S NEW SHOE STORE. BLOOMSBURG, PENNA.

LOOK IT OVER. See if you don't need a new pair of Shoes for dress or for work, and then come here and examine goods and prices. Men's solid, serviceable working and plow shoes at \$1.00 and \$1.25. Dress shoes, wide and narrow toes, \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.75. These shoes for the quality and price is a saving to you of from 25c. to 50c. on each pair. We invite the women and girls that wear sizes 13, 1, 2 or 3 to look at our job lot of shoes at 79c. Were sold at \$2 and \$3. See them in front of store.

CORSER'S BLOOMSBURG. Schuyler's old hardware stand.