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Don't you think it is about time that Swallow understands that the people of Pennsylvania don't want him?

An exchange says that "Swallow sowed a good deal of seed throughout the state but by Jenks it fell on Stony places."

In the distribution of representation in the Legislature it is an outrage that Luzerne County, with 201,205 population, has but one senator, while Lancaster, with 149,95 population, and Schuylkill with 15463 have two senators each. This senatorial apportionment has been unchanged for twenty-four years, a fact due entirely to machine opposition. The same inequalities are to be found in the representative apportionment. Luzerne, though entitled to eight members, has but six, the same number as Lancaster and Schuylkill, with very much less population. Montgomery County, with 123,289 population, has five members, while Lackawanna, with a population of 152,688, has but four members. Jefferson county, with 44,005 inhabitants, has but one member, while such counties as Adams, Bedford, Clarion, Columbia, Huntington, Lawrence, Somerset, Wayne, with very much less population than Jefferson, have two members each. It is one of the indictments of the machine that it has refused to permit the machine-owned legislators of the past to do anything to right this rank injustice to the people of the State. When the legislature of 1895, under the urging of Governor Hastings, undertook to enact new apportionment bills, Senator Quay went to Harrisburg and by peremptory orders to his henchmen defeated them. —Philadelphia Press.

SWALLOW WANTS BETTER POLITICS.

Thinks Some Strong Democrat Might be Pitted Against Quay.

Dr. S. C. Swallow, having recently been mentioned in connection with the Presidency of the United States on the Prohibition ticket and the Mayorality of Harrisburg, was asked whether he was an aspirant for either of these positions. He replied that he was a candidate for no office, but that he would take a hand in every contest to better municipal, State or national politics. As to Quay's candidacy for re-election he said he would scruple at nothing financially to accomplish his purpose to succeed himself, and that his offer of \$10,000 reward for the conviction of persons offering bribes was only a blind. He had not gone over the ground carefully enough to come to a decision and was not certain that some strong Democrat would not make a good candidate to pit against Quay.

The defeated candidate for Governor did not seem disheartened at the fate that met him at the polls and spoke in a confident strain as to the future of the reform movement.

Robbed the Preacher.

Rev. W. J. Hayes, of St. Ignatius' church, Centralia, had an exciting experience with three masked burglars at 3 o'clock Friday morning. The trio gained entrance to the rectory through a window, and singled out to the pastor's bed chamber as the base of their operations. They worked industriously seeking for valuables, and were startled when the reverend gentleman appeared in their midst with a leveled revolver. He was quickly overpowered and disarmed, and while one stood guard the remaining two continued the search for booty. They secured \$80, a gold watch and valuable trinkets, then fled followed by whistling bullets.

Perhaps Pocono will be Tunnled.

Following closely upon the visit of Millionaire Cornelius Vanderbilt and seven of his friends, four surveyors passed through East Stroudsburg. Their destination is unknown, but it has had the effect of reviving the rumor of Vanderbilt's intention of tunneling the Pocono Mountains. The feasibility of the contemplated improvements in the Lackawanna has frequently received local corroboration. Messrs. Storm and Palmer, of Stroudsburg, counsel for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, claim to know nothing of the movements.

Anti-Dog Crusade.

The man from New York, who recently printed a pamphlet, says the Philadelphia Inquirer, concerning the maiming or killing of human beings by dogs, can swell his volume of records, and possibly, promote his movement looking to the destruction of the dog fad, by the attempt of a Mastiff to wipe out the population of Melrose, Massachusetts.

The "noble brute," above referred to, entered a church during service, boldly attacked a woman worshipper, tearing a part of her face away, rushed out into the street and dragged a young man from his bicycle, attacked two men and injured them severely, and then afforded the town police a night campaign of the liveliest kind.

If the dog fad is not to be done away with entirely, or even sufficiently to permit the American farmer to engage in sheep raising, it is possible that the line might be drawn at the huge beasts in dog form, that, when enraged, are more than a match for many unarmed men. The rage of the ordinary cur, while alarming enough to the nervous, is not really dangerous, but Mastiffs, Siberian bloodhounds, and other favorite breeds of big dogs, when not in a bad temper, are hardly less dangerous than lions and tigers. That the danger is real, and not fancied, is proven by the frequency of occurrences similar to the Massachusetts happening.

Of Interest to Pensioners.

Many postmasters at money order offices at small places, have requested the Postoffice Department to permit them to cash pension checks and to remit such checks to their respective depositaries in lieu of the corresponding amount of cash. After due consideration the Department has decided to authorize postmasters at all money order offices in the smaller places to cash these checks for pensioners known personally to the postmasters, and to treat them in all respects, as far as prompt payment is concerned, in the same way that money orders are now treated. It is not expected that these checks will be presented to postmasters at the larger places where there are banks, this arrangement being intended merely to add to the convenience of the old soldiers and enable them to avoid the expense which now frequently attaches to the negotiation of their checks. It is believed that through this method some millions of dollars will be paid the pensioners through the money order system of the Department, and without any expense whatever to them. The checks will be of advantage to postmasters at the smaller places for use for remittance purposes, and the measure will undoubtedly prove popular and convenient.

On Trial for Life.

George Quinn, charged with the murder of Patrick Scully, at Girardville, was placed on trial for his life before Judge O. P. Bechtel at Pottsville. The crime with which Quinn is charged occurred on the night of August 20 last. Quinn, it appears, with one McAllister, of Girardville and one Butler and one Kenny, had been charged with a crime in Shamokin.

James McBrearity, of Ashland, became Quinn's surety and it was charged by Quinn that Scully had written to McBrearity warning him that he had better take his name off his (Quinn's) bond. Scully who had resided at Philadelphia eight or nine years, where he was employed as an insurance agent, was keeping company with Quinn's sister, who also resided in that city. The charge that Scully had appealed to McBrearity to get off Quinn's bonds caused some friction and Scully wrote to his brother denying the charge.

Quinn's sister went to her parents' home at Conner's Patch, near Girardville, in the meantime, and Scully subsequently followed. Scully and Quinn and Quinn's sister met on Ogden street, Girardville, early in the evening and quarreled over the affair, during which Quinn's sister struck Scully. Quinn, it is alleged, also interfered and Scully knocked him down.

Between 12 and 1 o'clock that night the principals again met and there was a scuffle, during which Scully lost his hat. He left, but came back about fifteen minutes later, when he was struck by a large stone over the right temple. His skull was fractured and he died four days later at the Miners' Hospital at Ashland. It is alleged Quinn threw the stone.

At the thirtieth annual meeting of the State Council of Junior Order of American Mechanics, the total membership was reported to be 29,202, a gain of 1,018 since 1897. The total receipts of the councils for the year were \$394,285.33 and nearly \$100,000 was paid out for sick and funeral benefits.

STRAY PARAGRAPHS.

The republicans of Bloomsburg don't appear to find any particular pleasure in their state victory. It is the result in old Columbia that makes them so reticent.

Life is a drama with women in most of the telling situations.

Those politicians who have no occasion to crow, will have to eat it.

The Wilkesbarre Leader has faith in the determination of the people to return only competent Legislators to Harrisburg. It has seen the beginning of the change to this new order of things, and commends it without stint. It instances Luzerne county, where three Republican candidates who had voted for objectionable legislation in the last Legislature were defeated in Republican districts and the one candidate who opposed such measures was elected.

The members of Company H. Fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry have signed a petition asking the citizens of Lebanon to use the \$300 or \$400 subscribed for a banquet in bringing home for burial the remains of their three comrades, Sargent Michael and Private George E. Harpel and Frederick Fuhman, who are buried in Porto Rico. Their request will likely be granted.

The property owners of the whole state will be gratified over the verdict of a Berks county jury which last week awarded John Marshall, \$737 damages against the American Telegraph Company for the destruction of some shade trees in front of his residence. At a previous Criminal Court Mr. Marshall prosecuted the company's employees and they were found guilty and fined \$50 each. There has been, and is at present too much license taken by the various companies that erect overhead wires against the rights of property owners, and the decision in Berks county will prove a salutary one.

Why is it a boy of 20 can run a mile or ascend a flight of stairs three at a time, while his sister of the same age can't run a hundred yards or walk up a flight of stairs without becoming exhausted? It is easy to answer this question! Of corset is.

A New South Wales country school teacher recently gave a boy a question in compound proportion for home work, which happened to include the circumstance of "men working ten hours a day in order to complete a certain work." Next morning the unsuspecting teacher, in looking over the little pack of exercises, found "Jim's" sum unattempted, and the following letter inclosed in the page: "Sir: I refuse to let Jim do his sum you give him last nite, has it looks to me to be a slur at 8-hour system enny sum not more than 8 hours he is welcome to do but not more. Yours truly, Abram Blank, Senr."

Oh it's Nice Business.

Editing this paper is nice business. If we publish jokes people say we are rattle headed, if we don't we are an old fossil. If we publish original matter they say we don't give them enough selection. If we do give them selection they say we are too lazy to write. If we remain in the office we ought to go out and hustle for locals. If we go out then we are not attending to our business. If we don't go to church we are a heathen; if we do go then we are a hypocrite. If we wear old clothes they laugh at us; if we wear good ones they say we have a pull. Now what are we to do? Just as likely as not some one will say we stole this item from an exchange. That's just what we did, but the fellow we stole it from admits that he stole it.

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, 3126 Westmont Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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HOLMES AS A PUNSTER.

A Good Thing Caught by a Chance Listener.

It was said of Oliver Wendell Holmes that some of his best jokes were made at times when there was nobody to appreciate them save a chance listener.

One such fortunate listener tells of a reply which she, sitting in a street car, heard Doctor Holmes make to a complaining writer of little wit and less talent.

"I've worked with all my heart on that book," said the young man, who had been treating the doctor to a long account of a recent collection of poetry which he had edited. "I've used my best taste and judgment and research, and I feel confident that nobody could have done the thing better or more thoroughly than I have. And what reward do I get? Harsh criticisms for my omission of a few popular poets, and a paltry hundred dollars!"

"A hundred dollars!" echoed the Autocrat of the Breakfast Table, wearily. "Why, I wouldn't have written that book for a thousand dollars, I'm sure!"

The collector of poetry smiled with gratification, but the listener turned to regard a passing dray, lest her face should betray her.—Youth's Companion.

Extraordinary Drinks.

Of the many extraordinary drinks regularly consumed, the blood of live horses may perhaps be considered the most so. Marco Polo and Carpini were the first to tell the world of the practice of the Tartars and Mongols opening the vein in their horses' necks, taking a drink, and closing the wound again. As far as can be seen, this had been the practice from time immemorial.

There is a wine habitually consumed in China which is made from the flesh of lambs reduced to paste with milk, or bruised into pulp with rice, and then fermented. It is extremely strong and nutritious, and powerfully stimulating to the physical organism.

The Laplanders drink a great deal of smoked snow-water, and one of the national drinks of the Tonquinese is arrack flavored with chickens' blood. The list would scarcely be complete without mention of absinthe, which may be called the national spirituous drink of France. It is a horrible compound of alcohol, anise, coriander, fennel, wormwood, indigo and sulphate of copper. It is strong, nasty, and a moral and physical poison.

Trap for the Little Minnow.

The minnow trap, used for catching minnows for bait, is of glass, shaped like a jar or bottle without a neck, and of a capacity of six or eight quarts. The bottom of the trap rises in a cone like the bottom of a champagne bottle, but instead of being solid the top of the cone is cut off, making an opening in the trap. The top of the trap has over it a metal cap on a hinge. The cap is perforated with a number of holes to permit of the circulation of water through the trap.

The minnow trap is slung horizontally in a wire holder, which has a handle on top to which a rope is made fast. Suitable bait to attract minnows is placed in the trap, which is then lowered into the water. The cone with the opening at the inner end in the bottom is in effect like the opening into an eel or fish trap. It is easy for the minnow to get through it into the trap in search of the bait, but hard for them to get out. When the trap has been raised the captured minnows are got out by opening the cap at the other end of the trap.

Arthur Nash and James Harvey of Mt. Carmel were brought to the county jail on Tuesday, charged with committing burglary at the Rectory of St. Ignatius' church at Centralia.

The Most Stylish New Dress Goods we Ever Had.

This is true of the stock our Foreign and Domestic buyers are constantly pouring in upon us.

You may see in some of the other stores some of the kinds we have here, but you cannot see them near all, because the most of our Dress Goods are bought from mills that do not sell other stores in these parts.

Certain Lots at Low Prices.

They are very stylish and quite pretty, and are to be sold under value. This does not mean that the markets are shaky, or that bad times are upon us.

Neither proposition is true. But while buying and selling continues, there will always be lots of really good goods forced to sale.

Colored Fabrics.

One lot of pretty Novelties, 38 in. wide, at a fourth under value—35c.

Another Blue and Black Cheviot, 38 in. wide, at 50c.

French Cord, 42 in. wide, in all colors. Nice, fine quality, 85c.

Black Dress

Fabrics.

75c. Black Serge at 50c. 50 in. wide staple goods. \$1.00 Henrietta at 85c. 46 in. wide. Goods we know will give good wear. Crepon effects, at 50c. and 56c. Special value.

Shoes.

At \$1.75 you can get a good pair of Shoes, in Polish or Buttoned, made by one of the best makers, and worth \$2.25. D. Armstrong's make of Shoes, at \$2.75 and \$3.50, if you want a fine Dress Shoe you will be pleased with. In different widths—buttomed or polish.

Whittemore's Gilt Edge Dressing, for ladies' and children's fine shoes. Softens and

preserves the leather and restores its color and lustre. Regular price, 25c. We will sell it, for a short time, at 15c.

Cloak Department

\$8.50. Plush Capes, 30 in. long, nicely lined, trimmed with Thibet Fur, 120 in. sweep.

\$8.50. Jacket, made of All Wool Kersey Cloth, round corners, 6 button front, faced with Satin.

Fine Black Kersey Cloth Jacket, lined all through with Satin, neatly made, and perfect fit. The best for \$10.00 you can find.

Grocery Dep't.

Our grocery department you will find filled with new raisins, currants, citron, lemon peel. The best of mince meat, made by Heinz & Co. Canned goods of all kinds. Goods we know are not equaled in quality in town for the price.

Levering Coffee, 10c a pound. For 10 days we will sell Chase & Sanborn's Moca and Java Coffee for 30c. It cannot be equalled in town for the price.

New dried fruits of all kinds are ready to serve you.

F. P. Pursel.

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How fast we are selling our

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Pretty Styles and Low Prices does it.

Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits, from \$5.00 up.
Ladies' Coats, Capes, Separate Skirts. Coats for misses and children. In this line our stock is large. Prices low.

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