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**POLITICAL CARDS.**

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 of Bloomsburg.

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 of Bloomsburg.

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,  
**W. F. STOHNER,**  
 of Bloomsburg.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY,  
**C. A. SMALL,**  
 of Catawissa.

The above announcements are all subject  
 to the decision of the Democratic County Con-  
 vention, to be held Tuesday, June 15th, 1899.  
 Primary election, Saturday, June 18, 9 to 7 p. m.

**Lost Brother Found.**

It is not often that one meets with a more marked instance of "romance in real life" than has just come to the surface in Danville. It appears that the family to which their Chief of Police Charles Pusey belongs is a widely scattered one, consisting of two brothers and three sisters. In 1867, when Charles was 14 years of age, and his brother, whose name was Lea, was only five, the family resided in Philadelphia. About that time reverses overtook the Pusey's; the mother died suddenly, and the children, with the exception of Charles, were placed in an Orphans' Home. Charles found employment driving on the Schuylkill canal and later on the Pennsylvania Canal, which led him to this city, where he finally became a permanent resident. One by one the children, as they reached a suitable age were, as is customary, taken from the orphanage and given homes among strangers.

Charles grew to manhood, and, having a desire to find his brother and sisters, started for Philadelphia. He had little trouble in finding his sisters, but the whereabouts of his brother were unknown. After a search of two decades, without result, hope was about abandoned, until a few months ago, when John K. Kane, of Williamsport visited Danville and upon meeting the policeman, he said that he once knew a gentleman by the same name. Mr. Pusey was at once interested and following the advice of the stranger, wrote to a Philadelphia man, who furnished the necessary information and the long lost brother was located at Short Run, Potter county. Mr. Pusey sent a letter to the above address and in a few days received a reply. It was from his lost brother, very dubious in tone. He had no knowledge of any relatives, and was not very much disposed to fall in with the view very readily that he and the Danville policeman were brothers.

At this juncture the chief wrote his brother another to see if he could not recall to his mind some facts of his childhood which would establish the bond which bound their lives together. The letter accomplished its object. In the reply which followed, the lost brother declared that he no longer had any doubt that the theory was correct and he and Charles were brothers. His letter is full of pathos. He writes:

"I can remember of being in the Orphans' Home, and of my brother Eddie dying there, also of one of my sisters—cannot tell her name. I can remember of kissing mother, when her lips were cold as ice. Her name I cannot tell. Of my father I can remember nothing. I know not his name. I was at Philadelphia one time, but I could find nothing about my relations, so I gave it up. I cannot sleep now since I got your letter and will come to see you as soon as I can."

**OBSERVATIONS.**

—A certain amount of ignorance is necessary for our enjoyment.

—If we were once to feel as badly as our worst enemies would wish us to, we would not possibly recover.

—A fellow who is evidently endeavoring to square himself with the maiden ladies who have passed the blushing period gives this definition of an old maid: An old maid is a woman who has not been fool enough to be fooled by every fool who has been fool enough to foolishly try to fool her.

—Fault-finding is one of the ways in which men seek to appear wiser than they are. It seems to invest them with a degree of authority in the eyes of those who do not realize that it is one of the easiest of all things to find fault. To expose errors, to foretell difficulties, to criticize methods, to make objections, may all be done volubly by persons who have no power to originate better ways, or to overcome the obstacles which they spread forth, and who are in every way inferior to those whom they criticize or contradict, or interrogate.

—Says an observing exchange: Boys with hats on the back of their heads and long hair hanging down over their foreheads and cigarettes and bad words in their mouths are cheaper stuff than old shoes; nobody wants them at any price. Men will not employ them, girls will not marry them. They are not worth their keeping to anyone, and they will never be able to keep themselves. If any boy happens to read this description, let him take a long look at himself and then do what conscience tells him to do.

—A Jersey clergyman took up the subject of matrimony on Sunday and he talked very plainly to the young people of his congregation. Among other things he said: "I cannot account for the small number of marriages, except by the fact that the war took away from us many of our young men. I am afraid that our young women are altogether too stylish and expect too much. They want a house and lot and the house furnished before they will consent to marry. Their parents did not have all these things. I have been told that some of the young men and young women in this parish have been keeping company for from six to ten years. That is altogether too long. I hope the young men will take more courage on this question of marriage, and I also hope that the young men will not try to be too well off before making up their minds to get married."

Ex-Governor Altgeld and Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, have agreed to disagree, and the ex-Governor has his war paint on and promises to run as an independent candidate for mayor against Harrison next spring. The ex-Governor declares that Harrison has betrayed the party which elected him; that he is in league with Croker and other gold standard Democrats to turn the party away from the Chicago platform and secure the presidential nomination for himself; that he is betraying the people's interest in the local street railway fight by secretly opposing public ownership; that he has surrounded himself at the city hall with gold men and issued gold bonds, and that he has used the city patronage to bring the party under control of its most disreputable element. Mr. Altgeld says his campaign for mayor will lose him friends and threaten his health, but he considers that the re-election of Harrison would seriously endanger the success of the radical Democracy in 1900. In any event it will disrupt the Chicago Democracy.

The trial of Edward Cressinger, for the murder of pretty 16 year old Daisy Smith, in Augusta township, Northumberland county, last October, began at Sunbury Wednesday morning. Great interest has been aroused and the large Court House was crowded to the doors. Several witnesses testified yesterday. When Mrs. Smith, mother of the murdered girl told the sorrowful story of her daughter going to the field in perfect health and being brought home dead with a terrible gash in her throat, tears trickled down the cheeks of many spectators. It was a brutal and cold blooded murder and hanging is too good for the perpetrator.

Don't abuse your horses this kind of weather. Don't tie them on the street and let them stand in the cold for hours. On Wednesday a horse with only a light covering was left standing through the snow storm, and became so chilled that it shivered from head to foot. A number of indignant people were looking for a policeman to have the owner arrested. Such men are liable to have costs to pay for cruelty to animals.

**NEWS OF THE STATE.**

—District Attorney Rotharmel, of Philadelphia, has set February 10th, next, for the trial of Senator Quay and his co-defendants. Notice has been given the counsel in the case to be ready at that time.

—Mrs. Mary Schmitt, aged 107 years, died at the home of her nephew, John Neilly, at Frenchtown, about ten miles south of Towanda, Friday morning. Only a short time ago Mrs. Schmitt visited relatives in Towanda.

—John Cawley and Alexander Craig, machinists, at the South Mill of the Lackawanna Iron and Steel Company, were caught beneath a descending elevator Monday morning and so badly crushed that Cawley died within an hour and Craig is not expected to live.

—The Lehigh Valley Coal Co. are going to put new life in the old Continental colliery east of Centerville, through which they propose to get the coal from the North Ashland colliery, for many years a P. & R. operation. They are about to begin the sinking of a big shaft at the Continental colliery to which the attention of rock contractors is directed.

—John Diehl, of Exchange, Montour county, is in his 97th year. He saws and splits all his fire wood. Judging by the long pile he has on hand, the neighbors think he has enough to last him till he lives out his full century. Dr. McHenry met him the other day with his saw buck and axe, looking for a job among his neighbors. He says he feels like a boy and knows a good deal more.

—The Luzerne County Commissioners are not in favor of Governor Stone's suggestion that the state tax heretofore paid back to the counties be retained by the state for ten years. It would mean a loss of \$30,000 a year to that county, they say, and an increase in taxation would be necessary. They believe there are other methods by which the state treasury can be replenished.

A marriage which has attracted a great deal of attention is that of Mrs. Sara Jennings and John D. Clews, which was celebrated at Franklin this state, this week. The groom is 102 years old, and quite wealthy, a relative of Abraham Lincoln and a veteran of the civil war. His wife is well preserved, and very spry for her age, which almost reaches that of her venerable husband.

—A great capture of fish was made at Farransville, Clinton county, on Saturday, about 3,000 German carp being caught in a few hours. Some one discovered that a large school of carp were sporting about under the ice at the mouth of the creek which empties into the river at that point. By pounding on the ice the fish were driven toward an opening, where they were scooped out in great quantities. They ranged in size from 1 1/4 to 3 1/2 pounds. Two hundred and fifty-two carp were taken out at the first haul.

**Dog Makes Havoc Among Chickens.**

John Springer, who occupies the Boyd farm, in this county, lost an entire flock of valuable chickens Friday under peculiar circumstances. A handsome blooded bird dog made his appearance upon the premises, and, plunging into the midst of a flock of Plymouth Rocks, began slaughtering the fowls right and left. Before he could be arrested in his bloodthirsty work he had killed forty-two. Mr. Springer has ascertained that the owner of the dog is a Mount Carmel man, who has promised to pay for the chickens.

The Bellefonte Watchman is of the opinion that it might warm a person up these cold days just to think that the time when the lawn mower will be a good thing to push along is drawing nigh.

Gentle spring is not here yet—the ground hog saw his shadow.

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**Some of the Industrial Possibilities of Puerto Rico.**

Dairy farming is another opening which has a future, notwithstanding the attendant drawbacks of a hot climate no cold springs for cooling the milk, and ice at a premium. It entered into on a sufficiently large scale to warrant the installation of an ice-plant the returns would leave a large margin of profit. As things are to-day, the cattle are milked but once in twenty-four hours, before daylight each morning. The warm milk must reach the consumer in a very few hours, or be lost by souring. The selling price ranges from eight to twelve cents a quart. Cream is unknown; not because, as one of the army officers put it, "This damn Puerto Rican milk is so poor that never a particle of cream can rise," but because it is never sufficiently cool for cream to rise. Canned butter sells for from 60 cents to \$1 a pound; in two, three, and five pound tins. This article, which delicate people should never have analyzed was imported in 1895 to the extent of 365,000 pounds.

Cheese, another of the by-products of the milk-farm, is annually imported to the amount of a million and a quarter pounds. Also, there is made on the island good, palatable, hard pressed cheese, too white, too dry, and too tasteless for the average foreigner, but largely consumed by the natives.

Dairies established with proper refrigerating facilities, near any of the larger towns, will be more than able to compete with the methods in vogue. Cream, fresh butter, and cheese would find a ready market at prices—for the present, at least—much higher than those of America.

Poultry-culture, as it exists to-day, seems to consist mainly of breeding game fighting-cocks. Miserable little chickens of a pound and a half bring 50 cents each. Eggs are to be had in limited quantities at sliding scale prices, ranging from 30 cents to 50 cents a dozen, determined largely by the age of the hen-fowl, which becomes painfully over-ripe in forty-eight hours.

Fresh mutton is always in demand in the market, and it is an easy matter to keep sheep fat and in good condition. Wool-growing would not be a success, unless hair cloth became fashionable, as the imported lamb soon turns into a goat, judging by his bristling coat.

Pork, to the amount of 10,000,000 pounds, is annually imported by Puerto Rico, and is almost wholly purchased from the United States. The raising of hogs in large numbers would, however, be a doubtful experiment, owing to the high price of corn, though there is much mast in the mountain regions, upon which they are said to grow fat. The indigenous animal is an extremely poor specimen of the razorback species.

Corn is scarce and high-priced, and cannot be raised with much success on the northern half of the island, on account of the quantity of rain. The lands of the drier southern portion of the island are capable of producing very excellent corn, though during exceptionally wet seasons it is apt to mature badly and be injured by canker and must. The failure of corn crops in certain years is made apparent by the variable importation of this grain, which sometimes rises as high as 20,000 bushels, and falls in other years to one fourth this amount. This year (1898) the island crop is very promising, and in the Yauco and Mayaguez districts several thousand acres of this cereal wave ten feet high, usually bearing two large ears to the stalk. While the local price of corn is high, ranging from 80 cents to 95 cents a bushel, it is not at all probable that in the future, with open markets, island corn can compete with the American product. The benefits, therefore, will accrue to American exports of maize.—Harper's Weekly.

**SOME**

**CUT PRICES**

FOR THIS WEEK.

**Dress Goods in Unmatchable Values.**

The story to-day is of a little lot of aristocratic stuffs of superior quality, mostly mixed goods, that have received notice to quit. Intrinsically they are worth every penny of yesterday's price, which this morning are cut in half. For instance we have picked out a lot of Dress Goods we sold for 50c and 56c, and they are the best value ever offered at this store, we will sell at 28c. Another lot reduced to 44c, worth 65c and 75c. Don't miss this chance.

**Calico.**

One case of silver grey Calico, the best made, all good styles, we will sell 10 yds for 45c. A lot of Heavy Sheetting worth 8c, we will sell at 6 1/2c. One case of Bleached Muslin good weight and not a lot of starch or lime in it, the kind that would retail for 7c, we will sell it as long as it lasts 10 yds. for 47c. 10 yds of good fine Unbleached Muslin for 34c.

**Table Linen.**

An unusual Linen chance for thrifty housewives this week. It consists of a 52 inch Unbleached Damask at 25c, goods we will not be able to offer again for less than 35c a yd. 72 in wide Bleached Damask, every thread linen, good pattern worth at least \$1.00 a yd., will go this week at 75c. Napkins to match the Linen.

**Ladies' and Misses' Coats.**

Our stock of Coats must be closed. We are selling \$10.00 Coats for \$5.00 or \$7.00 Coats for \$3.50, that is the reductions we have made all through our stock. Come while we have a nice assortment to pick from. We still have a few of last years styles that cost from \$7.00 to \$10.00, will close at \$2.00.

**F. P. Pursel.**

**SPECIAL SALE!**

Now is the time to get bargains. During the next 30 days we will give you many goods at and below cost. Wool Dress Goods that was 25c, now 15c. Dress Goods, from 50c. to 30. Do not miss these special sales. We have just received new supply of pretty Coats, Capes and Fur Collarettes for ladies. Fur sets for children.

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.  
 Ladies' Fur Collarettes, from \$2.00 up.  
 Our sales in Shoes increases daily. Ladies' Fine Shoes, from 79c. up. Gents' Fine Shoes, from 98c. up. Good Calicoes, 3c. Good Muslin, 3 1/2c. Our stock of Underwear is complete. We handle the celebrated Leather brand Stockings for ladies, misses and boys. Corsets, for 24c. up.  
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