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SALES.

Saturday, April 29, 1899, Mrs. Henry Nagle, administrator, will sell, on the premises, corner of Eighth and East streets, Bloomsburg, a lot of personal property, consisting of household goods, farm implements, chickens, and many other articles. Sale to commence at one o'clock.

Window curtains from 10c to 75c at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

MARRIED.—By Guy Jacoby Esq., Jacob McAfee to Esty Tyson. April 24, 1899.

The hotel at Berwick, known as the Berwick House, is being torn down and a new one will be erected in its place.

A full line of patent medicines and a large and complete line of pure drugs at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Tires, cement, tape, lamps, both gas and oil, saddles, toe clips, bells, buffers, neverleak and all bike sundries at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

A subscriber tells us a good story: First he bought the hens, then he bought the feed, then bought the eggs from his children and they ate the eggs. Can our readers inform us where his profit comes in?

D. Z. Mensch, who has been the efficient clerk for the County Commissioners, has resigned to accept a position as book-keeper at the First National Bank, the place made vacant by the promotion of E. F. Carpenter as teller.

At the opening of every summer season it becomes necessary to warn young men that there are municipal laws against playing ball on the streets. The practice is both annoying and dangerous. We trust this nuisance will be stopped hereafter.

"Don't get big headed, my friends," says one who is old enough to know what he is talking about, "this world can get along without you just as well as it gets along with you. If taken suddenly out of it your relatives and friends may mourn for a time, but the world—bless you, she will never slip a cog, and the sun will rise and set the day after your death. I think it is well for you and me to stop now and then, and take into consideration just how much we do amount to and what a tiny little speck we are in the great conglomeration and bustle of the universe."

Secretary Edge, of the State Department of Agriculture, has issued Bulletin No. 44 of the Department, which, while the supply lasts, will be sent free to applicants. It contains the official analysis of 950 samples of commercial fertilizers selected in various parts of the state. In addition to the official analysis the bulletin also shows the comparative commercial value of each sample and its selling price at the station at which the sample was obtained. The law regulating the sale and manufacture of commercial fertilizers is given in full and the manner in which the comparative commercial value of the samples is calculated is fully and plainly explained. For copies, address Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, Pa.

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Wall paper! Wall paper! Wall paper, prices low at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

The body of John H. Schell who disappeared from his home in Newberry last October, was found floating in the river near Williamsport, Monday evening. Schell left his home last October to drive to White Deer Valley. The horse and carriage were found that night, but Schell was never heard from.

We see it stated that fruit growers are looking forward to a large apple crop this year. They give as their reason that the early cold weather prevented the sap from rising in the trees, which when moderate weather continues late in the season rises and in subsequent cold weather in the latter part of the winter, and early spring freezes, greatly damaging the crop. The present condition of the trees is such that it is thought no amount of cold weather can effect the crop.

Withdrawal Card.

I hereby announce my withdrawal as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for County Treasurer. Business engagements prevent my remaining a candidate. I thank the Democratic party for the strong encouragement given my candidacy. I am a Democrat and will continue to aid the party with my vote and influence.

J. K. SHARPLESS,  
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Book News for May.

"Book News" for May again emphasizes its claim to be the foremost literary chronicle of our time by presenting in addition to its many department specialties, all contributed by writers of eminence in their respective fields, some features of striking interest which attest its alertness. Thus "Book News" was among the first publications to recognize the merit of "David Harum," and this month it presents the only large portrait of the deceased author, Edward Noyes Westcott, which has ever been printed, together with a reproduction of his autograph—the only one ever published—and a sketch of his career. Another feature of the May "Book News" which will attract unusual attention among literary folks is the autograph letter from Onoto Watanna, the gifted young authoress, half English and half Japanese, who is now a resident of Chicago, and who tells with peculiar charm of individuality the story of her life and of her methods of literary work. One of the most striking poems inspired by the recent war was that by Grace Duffie Boylan, entitled "Hosanna and Huzzah." The full text of this exalted production appears in the present number. It has been estimated that more than thirty new books drop from English and American presses every day in the year. It is the province of "Book News" to keep track of them all—to give you frankly, fairly and promptly a clear idea of all that merit your attention—the sort of information which every reader constantly requires and which he could not possibly gather for himself though he should give his whole life to the task. This information "Book News" employs a corps of experts to gather for him; and since it likewise gives book prices, it may easily save the book buyer the many times the fifty cents a year (five cents a copy) which it costs. John Wanamaker, Philadelphia and New York.

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A SOLDIER BOY'S THOUGHTS.

He Had No Time for Home When There Were Spaniards to Shoot.

A returned army officer relates this incident of the Santiago campaign: At the close of the first day's siege, two officers were discussing in low tones the exciting and tragic events of the day. There was a lull in the conversation, during which the lieutenant, who was given to sentiment, hummed something about "Just before the battle, mother." The captain's eyes were moist in a moment and he turned his head away to hide his weakness. Presently he noticed a slip of a boy sitting on the ground apparently examining his gun in an absent-minded way.

"Pity to have such children in this horrible business," said the captain in a thick voice. "Thinking of his mother or sweetheart, I'll bet you," ventured the lieutenant. "Say, my boy," he called to the youthful volunteer, with the evident purpose of cheering him up a bit, "a penny for your thoughts." "I was thinking of my Mauser," the little fellow replied.

"There, what did I tell you," said the lieutenant, turning to the captain; "thinking of his mother, like a dutiful son; pity he isn't with her now; this is no place for boys."

The volunteer overheard this remark, and, springing to his feet, he saluted and said: "I said I was thinking of my Mauser, and I was—my Mauser rifle; I was just wondering how many of those cursed dagos I could kill if I had them standing in a row." "There was no further sympathy wasted on the boy recruit; he was a "first-class fightin' man."

THE NAVY'S HEALTH.

In the War with Spain It Was Exceptionally Good Throughout.

Good order and discipline, the cleanliness of the ship—noting, not even the daintiest of summer cottages, is more clean than a well ordered American warship—were maintained at the camp throughout the entire occupancy by the battalion, and the fact that, although exposed to a malarious climate in the torrid atmosphere of a tropical summer, at a spot located but a few score of miles from where our poor fellows of the army were succumbing by hundreds in the fever-laden air, the entire loss of life in the marine battalion was due to the casualties of battle—not one man died of disease—shows what can be done by well-regulated and well-drilled organizations in all departments of a military body, writes Z. F. Zogbaum, in Harper's Magazine.

There was no lack of medical or other necessities; nothing essential to the efficiency of the force as a fighting body, to its health, to the protection of the men from adverse conditions of life in the field during the rainy season of the tropics, had been neglected or forgotten; and, while it is true that the base of supply was close at hand and the problem of transportation inland from the water's edge did not have to be met, it is safe to assume, from the admirable order and system displayed, that any such difficulties presented would have been overcome.

NO RAILROAD LIKE IT.

One That Is Run for the Accommodation of Fishermen and Cannermen.

Perhaps the most interesting railroad in Pennsylvania is the Kishicoquillas valley, which runs from Reedville to Belleville, a distance of nine miles, says the Pittsburgh Post. It has connection with the Pennsylvania on the Lewiston division and does a good business. Its equipment consists, according to official statement, of two engines and four cars. Only one of the locomotives is in use steadily, however, and when it is in the roundhouse the residents of the town know that no trains are on the road.

The general manager and purchasing agent is J. P. Getter, a physician of Belleville. His wife, Clara W. Getter, is treasurer of the line. The engineer of the locomotive in use is master mechanic, superintendent of motive power and several other things as well, and it is said of him that he has an easy time of it unless something happens to break, when he has to work all night, if need be, in repairing the damage. Special trains are frequently run over the line by fishing parties to some of the trout streams along the route. The "trains" are handcars, borrowed for the time being, and operated by section hands. The principal traffic over the road comes from an extensive canning establishment at one of the stations.

A Famous Drummer.

Probably the most remarkable drummer who ever lived was Jean Henri, the famous tambour major of Emperor Napoleon. One of his feats was to play on 15 different toned drums at the same time in so soft and harmonious a manner that, instead of the deafening uproar that might have been expected, the effect was that of a novel and complete instrument. In playing he passed from one drum to the other with such wonderful quickness that the eyes of the spectators could hardly follow the movement of his hands and body.

An Unsolved Question.

The energy of the discharge of a 12-inch gun loaded with smokeless powder is equal to the energy of nine 40-ton locomotives running at the rate of a mile a minute, and one 20-ton locomotive running at the same speed thrown in. No battleship has yet received the shock of such a blow. What bolts will draw, what plates will warp, what levers will develop when it occurs can but be conjectured.

VIRTUES OF SPINACH.

The Homely Vegetable Is Said to Possess Wonderful Medicinal Properties.

We are all familiar with the potent medicine sign which commends itself to us by these cabalistic words: "For that tired feeling!" Now, those who may object to buying bottles and bottles of this cure for weariness may obtain the same results by the liberal use of the common everyday spinach. The French call this homely vegetable the scavenger of the stomach, and now our own medical men are awakening to its wonderful medicinal properties. It contains salts of potassium, iron and other things which conduce to a good complexion, long life and a cheerful disposition. The man with a disordered liver and the woman with a bad complexion should contract the spinach habit, and these things will be rectified. A chemist says that this article of food contains more iron to the square inch than "the most renowned ferruginous remedies." So convinced has the medical profession become of the value of the once despised spinach that it is said to be an important factor in several new and popular tonics. The iron in spinach is easily assimilated, and the vegetable is easily digested. The fact that spinach has such a remarkable effect upon the complexion will recommend it to the girls, and its beneficial effects on the liver will recommend it to the men. In short, the virtues of the vegetable are so numerous that it would take a long time to tell them, but if the spinach habit grows to anything like the proportion reached by the oatmeal fad, we shall shortly turn into a strong, iron built, fresh-complexioned, antibilious nation.

TO CUT STEEL BEAMS.

A Recent Electrical Experiment in Chicago Which Saved Time and Labor.

During the reconstruction of an office building recently in Chicago an interesting use was made of the electric current in cutting in two a cluster of half a dozen heavy steel beams which it was necessary to remove. These beams were of the ordinary I shape and 15 inches deep. Owing to the difficulty of getting at the beams at the place where they were to be cut, special saws would have been required had the beams been cut in the ordinary way, and it was estimated that the work would take two men about 12 days' time and cost about \$100.

Instead of doing the work with hack saws, a method was adopted such as scientific burglars invented for getting into safe and vault doors of steel. A current of electricity was brought in from the electric lighting wires in the street to do the work. The positive terminal wire was attached to the steel frame work of the building, to which the beams were riveted, and the negative wire was attached to a carbon point 1 1/2 inches in diameter, which was provided with a wooden handle to enable the operator to direct it along the beams at the places where they were to be cut. An asbestos shield protected the operator's body from the heat and black spectacles protected his eyes. In 12 hours the beams were severed, with an expenditure of only about five-horse power in electric current, and the work was done by an ordinary workman.

THE GRIEF OF PARTING.

It Is Manifested in Different Ways by a Man and a Woman.

The man leaned right into the railway carriage, says the Academy. There was positive anguish in his drawn face. The lady inside was very pretty and beautifully dressed; her softness of complexion and hair, of lace and filmy material, triumphed in the searching glare of the electric light, which showed the rich luxury of every detail of her costume.

She smiled with a pretty, regretful tenderness as she replied lightly to his earnest words. He looked at her as if he could never look long enough, as if her face held for him the whole meaning of life. As the train began to move, his fingers fell passionately on the unglazed hand resting on the window ledge; then instinctively he sprang back, raised his hat and I caught in full light a glimpse of his white face.

Directly the train steamed out of the station the lady rose, carefully rolled up her veil and, quite indifferent to my presence, proceeded before the mirror in the carriage to dust her face with a dainty pocket handkerchief and to apply to forehead and nose the minutest layer of powder with a tiny puff. She patted and arranged her curls, drawing them with a hairpin into coquettish position and curve and then, lowering her veil, she sank into the seat with a sigh of satisfaction.

The Voice of London.

A writer in the Strand Magazine describes the astonishment when, riding over London in a balloon, at a height of more than half a mile, he heard the deafening roar of the great city beneath him, as it could not be heard when on the ground. The noise, even at that height, was so harsh and intense as to be painful to the ear. How perfect a sound-conductor the air is was shown when the balloon drifted far over the city to a wooded part of the country, where the murmur of the leaves moved by the wind, half a mile below, was distinctly heard.

William's Uniforms.

The German emperor, when receiving foreign representatives or military attaches of foreign powers, always wears the uniform of the army of the country the visitor represents, and sometimes during a levee he will change his uniform five or six times.

Parsnip Complexion.

It does not require an expert to detect the sufferer from kidney trouble. The hollow cheeks, the sunken eyes, the dark, puffy circles under the eyes, the sallow parsnip-colored complexion indicates it.

A physician would ask if you had rheumatism, a dull pain or ache in the back or over the hips, stomach trouble, desire to urinate often, or a burning or scalding in passing it; if after passing there is an unsatisfied feeling as if it must be at once repeated, or if the urine has a brick dust deposit or strong odor.

When these symptoms are present, no time should be lost in removing the cause.

Delay may lead to gravel, catarrh of the bladder, inflammation, causing stoppage, and sometimes requiring the drawing of the urine with instruments, or may run into Bright's Disease, the most dangerous stage of kidney trouble.

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An Acheson mother's boy married recently, and his wife made him shave off his mustache before she would make him any soup, of which he is very fond. When he lived at home, he got his whiskers in the soup every day, and his mother took it as a compliment to her cooking.

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This week our great underselling sale will prove to be an unmatchable trading event; in point of quality, and prices, the values we offer are the greatest bargains ever offered. The special offerings mentioned below are so very extraordinary that we would advise out of town patrons to send for the articles desired at once, for the selling will be tremendous.

A Wonderful Ribbon Bargain.

1700 yards of silk ribbons at half price, the lot consists of Roman stripes, fancy checks and plaids, and heavy corded silk ribbons, all are new shades, suitable for Spring and Summer wear, the widths are 40, 60 and 80. Since ribbons will be used so extensively for belts, collars and sashes, we believe that it will be to your interest to send for samples, or leave the choosing to us. The price per yard is 25 cts.

4200 yards of 40 inch India Linnon of extra fine weave, that would sell ordinarily at 15 cents per yard and be considered a good bargain; this week's price, per yard 8 cents. Let us send you samples.

1000 Marseilles crochet bed spreads, hemmed ready for use, regular value 85 cents, this week's price 58 cts.

R. & G. Corsets, all sizes, in white and drab, special at 59 cts.

Summer corsets that are considered the best 50 cent value to be had, special for this week at 39 cts.

10000 Rolls of New Wall Paper on sale this week, send for samples at per roll, 4c.

Boy's all wool chevot knee pants, made excelsior waist bands and taped seams, colors navy blue, brown and gray, sizes 3 to 15 years regular value 50 cents, this week's price, per pair 25 cts.

Ladies black Brilliantine skirts, in plain and fancy effects, regular value \$2.50, this week's price \$1.69. Send us the length of skirt you wear and if you are not pleased with your purchase you may return the goods and get your money back.

Infants' Shoes. Infant's soft sole lace Shoes in colors pink, light blue, white, tan, black and red, at per pair 25c.

Infant's Moccasins of fine soft kid, in colors pink, blue, white, tan and red, per pair 23c.

Ladies' trimmed Sailor Hats, in colors black, navy and white, very special at each 50c.

Some Cheaply-priced Flowers. Rose Foliage, Violet Foliage, large single Roses with buds, Apple Blossoms, Pansies, Forget-Me-Nots and Corn Flowers, at per bunch 19c.

Violets, per bunch, 2c. and 10c.

DRESS GOODS. A large and beautiful assortment of dress and waist Silks, consisting of taffeta cords, bangaline and rich black jacquards; at \$1 and \$1.50 per yard they would be considered exceptional values; this week the price will be per yard 75c.

BLACK DRESS GOODS BARGAIN. The assortment consists of plain and fancy effects, in widths ranging from 44 to 54 inches, the regular value is \$1 to \$1.50 per yard, this week the price is 75c.

Colored Dress Goods Bargain. 2,300 yards of the newest weaves in colored Dress Fabrics, all our this season's most popular shades, and would be considered great value at 75c. per yard; this week the price is 50c.

Write for samples, NEW WASH GOODS.

4,500 yards of new Lawn and Organdy in all the very newest patterns and colorings, for this week only, the price 3c.

3,700 yards of new Dimities and Piques, price has never been lower than 15c. per yard; for this week only the price is 10c.

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