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It is said that an automobile trust is forming in New York, with a capital of \$200,000,000.

The Pennsylvania Railroad directors held a special meeting at Philadelphia on Thursday of last week, at which time the usual semi-annual dividend of two and one-half per cent., payable on and after Nov. 29, was declared.

The expenditures for the army for the last fiscal year amounted to \$71,570,026. This includes the regular army, volunteer army, disbandment of Cuban army, extra pay to volunteers and regulars, in war with Spain.

We observe that Judge Olmstead, of Potter county has directed that all men convicted of selling liquor illegally, shall be compelled to work out the fine of \$500.00 at cracking stone on the road at \$1.00 per day. This punishment will no doubt keep the liquor sellers within the limit of the law.

It is predicted that President McKinley, will in his annual message, in regard to the Cuban question, take the position foreshadowed in an interview by General Fitzhugh Lee, favoring the continuance of protection, and deferring the setting up of an independent government on the island.

And now the Methodist ministers of Chicago are charging President McKinley with having used various liquors at the banquet recently given in his honor at the fall festival in that city. The President is a Methodist and the clergymen of the windy city declare that he has violated the vows of the church, and that he should be disciplined for so doing.

Gen. Joe Wheeler says he is delighted with the Philippine Islands. He has little doubt that a little push and energy will crush the Aguinaldo insurgents this fall. Out of 9,000,000 people he does not think Aguinaldo has more than 20,000 soldiers, and in a square fight 5,000 Americans would tear them to pieces. A good many people are wondering why they don't do it, and end the war.

By the decision of Referee George Siler, at the end of the twenty-five round bout at Coney Island Friday night, between James J. Jeffries, the vanquisher of "Bob" Fitzsimmons, and the sailor pugilist Tom Sharkey, Jeffries retains the heavy weight championship of the world. It was the fiercest affair of the kind that has ever taken place and was witnessed by a tremendous crowd. In the first two and last three rounds Jeffries had the better of the argument, during the other twenty rounds Sharkey forced the fighting and landed on his opponent hard and often.

The election returns from the rural districts of this county were very slow in coming in Tuesday night. Both parties' headquarters were connected by telephone but for some reason or other it was almost impossible to gain any information concerning the vote until Wednesday morning, consequently many of the party leaders spent a restless night. Wednesday morning, however, the returns began to come in, which, by the way, was very satisfactory to Democrats. Had some of the other counties stood by Creasy so nobly as did old Columbia, Barnett's name would not now be heralded as the coming custodian of Pennsylvania's Treasury.

To succeed the late Daniel Ermentrout in Congress the Democrats have nominated Captain Henry D. Green. The Philadelphia Times finds matter for congratulation in this nomination and says of the nominee: "He has served with distinction in both branches of our Legislature, and was among the ablest and most influential of the Democratic Senators during his long term in that body. He is one of the youngest of the men in the Democratic party in the State who have gained distinction by eminently deserving it, and we regard his nomination at this time as a hopeful promise of better conditions and better mastery in the Democracy of Pennsylvania."

Captain Green was elected on Tuesday by a large majority.

STATE NEWS ITEMS.

—Frank March, aged 20, while attempting to board a freight train at Plymouth, was thrown under the wheels and killed.

—While James Peifer, of Herndon, was hunting in the woods near his home Monday morning, his gun was accidentally discharged, blowing his left arm off. He is in a critical condition.

—Hazleton has at last landed the plush factory that it has been working for, the necessary papers binding the company and the board of trade being signed. Male labor will be employed.

—While hunting on the mountains, near his home, Edwin Kuhn, of Stevens' Point, Susquehanna county, was so badly injured by the premature discharge of his gun that death resulted in a few hours. He was unmarried and aged 22 years.

—Frederick Miller, aged 23, drank two ounces of carbolic acid Monday and will die. After carefully dressing himself, Miller walked to the residence of an acquaintance. There he is alleged to have taken a bottle from his pocket and swallowed its contents before any one could interfere.

—Beside a stranger who was found by a brakeman lying asleep between the tracks in the Pennsylvania Railroad yards at Williamsport Sunday night, was found a satchel full of money, mostly in bills. When aroused the fellow appeared ill at ease, seized the satchel and hurried away to the station, just in time to board a train for the north.

—Mrs. Eliza Carey, aged 82 years, was possibly fatally injured at her home at West Chester Monday night by falling down a flight of steps into her back yard. At the hospital it was found that she had sustained a fracture of the skull. Mrs. Carey's son, John L. Carey, was killed last week by a trolley, and her husband's dead body was found in the Delaware, at Philadelphia, a couple of years ago, with every indication of his having been murdered.

—Philip Stuft, a well known farmer of Luzerne county, died Monday morning from the effects of a dose of Paris green, taken with suicidal intent. Stuft on Saturday night entered a room where his wife was waiting, and holding up a glass, containing a peculiar looking liquid, said: "Here goes," and drank it. Mrs. Stuft tried to knock the glass from his hand, but failed, until her husband had drained nearly all of its contents. When a physician arrived he found at least a teaspoonful of poison in the glass.

—An avalanche of culm, at the Lawrence colliery, Ashland, on Saturday, entombed four miners. A gang of men worked faithfully until Monday, when the bodies were recovered and removed to the grief-stricken homes of their relatives. Three of the victims, Geo. and Jos. Botshes, and Michael Bomisky, were found lying together, and appearances indicated that they had clung together until the culm had done its deadly work. There were very few bruises on them and it was evident that they had been smothered to death. Three hours later the body of Anthony Drabig was found beneath heavy rocks. His death must have been instant, as his head and body were badly crushed.

It doesn't appear to be generally known, says the Hazleton Plain Speaker, that when a man draws a check to his own order he needn't put a two cent stamp on it. If you, for instance, want to get out some money on your own account, all you need to do is to change your check so that it reads like a receipt. Write "received of" in front of the bank's name, cross out the words pay to the order of, and then fill in the spaces with the amount of money required and sign as usual, and you have there a check that is legal without a stamp. The government decided that this could be done last August, but it gave no great publicity to its decision, and probably not one private person or business house in ten has heard of the matter.

Edward Cressinger, who is confined in the Northumberland County jail, for the murder of 16 year old Daisy Smith and whose execution had been fixed for the 15th of this month, has been granted a respite to December 5th. The Board of Pardons is the only thing that can save him from the gallows. Cressinger, when asked whether he would like to have a spiritual adviser replied: "Not until the Board of Pardons has disposed of my case."

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Notes from the Pennsylvania Experiment Station.

TOBACCO EXPERIMENTS.

A report upon a portion of the results of the tobacco experiments, conducted under the joint auspices of the Pennsylvania State College Experiment Station, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, and the Tobacco Growers' Societies of Lancaster and Bradford counties, prepared by Dr. William Frear, under whose care the scientific supervision of the work was placed, has just been sent to press. The report deals with the field results of fertilizer experiments made at Donegal and Rocky Spring, in Lancaster county, and Wysox, in Bradford county, the soils of these respective localities being typical of the Lancaster county limestone tobacco soils and the alluvial soils of the river valley of the north branch of the Susquehanna river.

The investigations at the several points were continued from three to five years. The results indicate clearly that artificial fertilizers into which humus-producing materials, such as cotton seed meal, linseed meal, horn meal, etc., enter largely, are superior to stable manure in their effect upon both the quantity and the quality of the tobacco leaf; the results, too, were more uniform than with stable manure, which, even with the best of care, is quite variable in its quality. Experiments further indicate that phosphoric acid in a highly soluble form should be always supplied; that present in the form of cotton-seed meal or other vegetable matter, or in the form of basic slag phosphate, proving too slowly available for the use of this rapidly growing crop.

Potash, supplied in the form of double carbonate of potash and magnesia, a potash salt prepared by the German Potash Syndicate, and which is procurable from their agents in this country, gave considerably superior results over those obtained with the sulfate of potash, the latter being the form in which potash is usually supplied in the commercial tobacco fertilizers now on sale in America. A new series of experiments has been started to determine whether potash carbonate, as supplied by wood ashes or cotton-seed hull ashes, cannot as effectively and more economically replace the double carbonate.

It was found better to supply part of the nitrogen in a more soluble form than that in which it occurs in the cottonseed meal; for this purpose, sulfate of ammonia was decidedly superior to nitrate of soda.

Tobacco growers are cautioned that the application of these artificial mixtures in small quantities to a crop for whose chief fertilizing stable manure is used, will not result in the favorable product that follows the use of these mixtures alone. It was found that especially in dry seasons, when stable manure is supposed to be chiefly effective, these artificial mixtures establish

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The Maltreated Store Clerks.

"The reputation which some large stores get for being disobliging to their customers, or having uncivil clerks, could, in the majority of cases, be traced directly back to the shoppers themselves," writes Edward Bok, of "Systemless Shopping," in the November Ladies' Home Journal. "I make no claim of perfection for the clerks who stand behind the counters of our great stores when women shop. They are only common mortals, full of faults. But considering what they are called upon to go through and endure at the hands of thoughtless women, the constant wonder is that they are so civil and obliging. If the truth could be known it would be found that they suffer far more than they inflict suffering. If the roll could be called of hard-working, innocent girls, who have lost their positions because of ill-founded complaints made by 'influential' customers, whose accounts the firm could not afford to lose, it would be a roll of disgrace to American shoppers. The girls behind the counter are human—although from the actions of some women we might believe otherwise—human in their faults, but also in their finer feelings. Very often they represent better families, better breeding, than that which is revealed to them from the other side of the counter."

As we have already stated, we want the news. If you have visitors, let us know who they are and where they came from; if anything happens in your vicinity let us know about it; if there is a party at your house, tell us about it; if you get married, let us know; if you know anything, let us know about it. You will always find us ready to "notice" one as another, patrons or otherwise, friends or foes. Our object is to give the news.

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