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Communicated.

Our attention has been called to a statement made by Prof. Pierson at the late County Institute, by one of the teachers attending the Institute, to the effect that London consumed annually nine billions of eggs, and that the eggs, if placed end to end would make a circle as large as the Equator, to wit, 25,000 miles in length. This statement was copied into his memorandum at the time of announcement. Upon careful investigation it is found that, allowing the average length of eggs to be three inches, the length of nine billions of eggs would form a line of 426,120 miles, or a distance sufficient to encircle the equator thirteen times. If the eggs measure two inches in diameter they would form a zone twenty six inches in width. Allowing our imagination to run with Prof. Pierson's, that zone of eggs would hatch, in that torrid region and what a mighty belt of chicks would enliven the equatorial line? In the course of nine months they would furnish a delicious food that would last London an indefinite length of time that would far surpass Prof. Pierson's famous "eight inch columns of beef" annually consumed by London that "would reach to the moon." We can well imagine that Prof. Pierson was very entertaining to an intelligent audience, like that of a body of teachers, assembled in county institutes. Now the question is, will our teachers profit by Prof. Pierson's teachings and instruct the children under their care upon the lines of the Prof's ludicrous and impracticable illustrations. The county annually expends a couple of hundred dollars for this class of instructors who work upon the imagination from which no practical results can follow to the benefit of our children, except to be taught not to believe that the moon is made of green cheese when these smart fellows tell them so. X.

Wanted the Reporters to Get the News.

One of the first things done by the general superintendent of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, says the New York Sun, after the accident at Patterson last week, Wednesday, was to give these orders to his chief clerk: "Communicate at once by telephone with every newspaper in New York. Tell them that we have had a bad accident at Patterson, and that while it reflects seriously on us, we do not care to have it made worse by ignorant misrepresentation and guesswork. Ask them to send reports, the more the better, to Patterson right away, and tell them that if it is not possible for their men to reach Hoboken in time for our last train at 9:30 o'clock, we will find some way to get them out there. Meanwhile give all inquirers all the information that comes into your possession." The instructions were "carried out to the letter. Later, at the scene of the disaster, the officers of the railroad devoted as much time as could properly be spared from the care of the injured to making clear all the details of the accident. The horse sense of this action is an outward indication of the working of the new Western blood that was injected into this railroad a few months ago.

Fight Over Burial Expenses.

County Commissioners Object to Money Paid for Unknown Man's Funeral.

There is a dispute between the Overseers of the Poor of Catawissa township and the County Commissioners in regard to the burial of the unknown man whose body was found near the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks two weeks ago. The bill for attendance and burial as returned to the county amounts to \$74.87, and is made up of the following items: Overseers of the Poor of Catawissa a Twp., \$53.50; Coroner's bill, \$11.37; doctor's bill for attendance at inquest, \$10. The County Commissioners claim this amount is too large, and they refuse to pay the \$53.50 to the Overseers, hence the trouble.

The ground on which the Commissioners refuse payment is as follows: The Act of 1893 which required the commissioners to pay burial expenses in such cases has been declared unconstitutional, and hence the payment of expenses falls back upon the poor district where the accident happened, the same as it did before the passage of the Act of 1893.

The property of Philip Hirlman situated in Jackson township was sold on Saturday by Sheriff Black to A. L. Fritz, Attorney.

THE FIGHT AGAINST QUAY.

Independent Republicans Issue a Strong Address.

An address has been issued by the anti-Quay Republicans, to the Republican party in Pennsylvania:

The signers are the committee selected by the conferees at their first meeting to formulate the plan upon which the Anti-Machine Republicans of the State propose to begin operations at the primary elections. Ballot reform to prevent repetition of the recent startling election frauds is the keynote of the declaration.

Senator Magee, although not among the signers, heartily endorses the general tenor of the address, and leaves no room to doubt the attitude of himself or these legislators who, in the last days of the General Assembly's session, followed him in the abandonment of Quay as a Senatorial candidate.

The address to the Republicans of Pennsylvania is as follows:

"The undersigned Republicans reaffirming their devotion to the principles and traditions of the party of Lincoln, Grant and McKinley, jealous of its record and anxious for its future success and the continuation of its usefulness in State and nation, do hereby declare that a condition of affairs now exists in our Commonwealth which is repugnant to Republican principles and destructive of Republican government.

"Unless these conditions meet with prompt, effective and disinterested action, our party will cease to command the confidence and support of the people.

MUST PROTECT THE CONSTITUTION.

"The Constitution, our fundamental law, made by the people themselves, must be protected against the attacks of mercenary politicians. Our laws must be faithfully and sturdily enforced. State and municipal government must be free from corruption, inequality and taint. Elections, primary and general, must be pure and untrammeled. Free schools and public education must be divorced from partisan politics. The will of a sovereign people, not that of a factional leader, must control. Appointment to public office must insure competent and faithful performance of official duty.

"The people of Pennsylvania have recently witnessed the deliberate violation of the fundamental law, notably in the executive veto of the joint resolution submitting to the people a constitutional amendment for the protection of the suffrage, and the unwarranted veto of a part of the item appropriating money to the public schools by the latter of which public education was sacrificed to unworthy and selfish ends; the nullification of the Constitution and the violation of all precedent, in the appointment to a seat in the United States Senate of an aspirant rejected by the representatives of the people in legislative council; the infamous work of bribers, seeking to debauch the Legislature to satisfy, against the people's will, individual lust for office; the adopting of State platforms promising reforms which the party and the people have been demanding for years, only to be broken when the necessities of their framers demanded, and the perversion of public moneys to private use.

THE BALLOT BOX DEBAUCHED.

"They have beheld the office of United States Senator prostituted to the work of filling Federal positions of honor and trust by the appointment of those who, in turn, have repaid their benefactors by organizing gangs of repeaters and ballot-box stuffers to suffocate and destroy the sovereign will of the qualified electors of the State. The proof of this has been plainly manifested by the recent developments in the Thirteenth division of the Seventh ward of Philadelphia, where at the last election, Federal officeholders from Washington, at the head of professional ballot-box stuffers, took possession of the polls, and in that single precinct cast hundreds of false and fraudulent votes.

"Believing that the wise policy of President McKinley and his national administration should receive the loyal support of all true Republicans, and that the principles of the Republican party should be maintained in both State and nation, and fearing that the corrupt and destructive practices hereinabove recited may cripple the power of the Commonwealth as a factor to that end and stay her hand when most needed, we call upon all who believe in these principles to unite with us in the purpose and effort hereby proclaimed:

THE REFORM DEMANDED.

"For the enactment of laws to adequately punish all ballot thieves, and for the elimination from politics of those who profit by their crimes.

"For the enactment of adequate registration laws and statutes governing primary and general elections.

"For the faithful performance of duty in public office.

"For the prevention of corrupt and extravagant expenditures of public moneys, of which the padded payrolls and the new State Capitol are scandalous instances.

"For the abrogation of the rule

"Strike For Your Altars and Your Fires."

Patriotism is always commendable, but in every breast there should be not only the desire to be a good citizen, but to be strong, able bodied and well fitted for the battle of life. To do this, pure blood is absolutely necessary, and Hood's Sarsaparilla is the one specific which cleanses the blood thoroughly. It acts equally well for both sexes and all ages.

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adopted by the last Republican State Convention which, in cases of disputes in the districts, practically places the nominations of Judges, State Senators and Representatives in Congress absolutely at the dictation of the State chairman, a power utterly destructive of home rule in the selection of candidates.

"For the overthrow of the present dangerous centralization of political power which is the source of all these evils; and,

"For the retirement from public place of its controlling head, Matthew S. Quay.

Daniel H. Hastings, J. Bayard Henry, William Sellers, Calvin Wells, Thomas Hoopes, John Dalzell, William T. Tildig, William Flinn, Alvin Markle, George F. Huff, Frank M. Ritter, John Wannamaker, John H. Converse, David Martin, E. A. Irvin, Henry C. McCormick, J. Levering Jones, John S. Weiler, "Committee."

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Don't throw away your bread or waste pity on tramps these days.

There is plenty of work, and that class of men who refuse to work and prefer to beg are in no wise entitled to your consideration.

Style, Fit, Wear. None Better.

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 No. 8 East Main St.

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At this season of the year when people are troubled so much over what to select for their friends in the line of presents for Christmas they often worry about where to find a well selected assortment at prices within reach of all.

Just one peep at our show windows will relieve your mind on the subject where to make your choice, and to convince you that we have great bargains. Call and get our prices. See our great line of holiday slippers, umbrellas, parasols, mackintoshes, purses, towels, napkins, bureau scarfs, pillow shams, books, dolls, games, &c.

In Bamboo Furniture

We can give you table stands, jardiniere stands, Japanese seats, corner chairs, pedestals, &c.

Handkerchiefs, All Grades.

Hundreds of loving messages from the little ones to Santa Claus can be satisfactorily answered from these stores each day. In every nook and corner of Toyland the jolly little saint has left substantial evidence of his love for the little folks.

China Department.

New goods in jardiniere, 75c to \$2.25; pedestals, \$2.25 to \$5.00; lamps, 35c to \$12.00. In artistic shapes, rich colorings and beautiful decorations. You cannot know what we have unless you see them. Our new lamps, on sale, show the greatest line in town. We are equipped to satisfy every demand of the lamp buyer.

Holmes, Coutts & Larabee's choice wafers and biscuits.

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Our line is complete—from the cheap 10-cent mixture to Lowney's best. Oranges, bananas, &c. It does not matter what you need for the holidays, it will pay you every time to visit our store.

Bloomsburg Store Co., Limited.
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ALFRED MCHENRY, Manager

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Good Underwear 50c. the Suit.

YOU CAN BUY FOR

Sweet, Orr's Trousers, \$1.00.

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A Good Suit, * *
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Good Winter Caps 25c.

—AT—
TOWNSEND'S
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Latest in Hats, \$1.00. \$1.00.

David Lewis, of Wilkes-Barre, a poor miner with a large family, has fallen heir to \$40,000 by the death of an uncle in Wales.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Helioses Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, of Line Ridge, Pa., will be held at the hall, Centre Garage, No. 56, P. O. on Monday, January 8, 1900, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., for the election of twelve directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

H. H. BROWN,
 Secretary.

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Christmas Time and the Store.

The formal opening of our holiday stock is something more than a mere incident in the year's merchandising. It is of sufficient importance to be classed as an event. The store news concerning it is read with interest by our buying public.

The gift buying time is here. The equipment is here to meet the demands. The store is at its best, from top to bottom, from end to end. Everything, everywhere, breathes an atmosphere of Christmas. When lines are most complete there is selection most satisfactory. The completeness and dependability of this big holiday outfit is worthy of the strongest emphasis that we can give them. Everything as near right as experience, knowledge of needs and hard work can make them. Just a few hints for print, they'll serve as index to scores of other hints not printed, but equally important to those who have gifts to buy.

Handkerchiefs For Gifts.

You will find about every good kind of handkerchiefs here.

You will find them temptingly priced, with double our usual quantity.

We start, both ladies' and gentlemen, at 5c, and have them up to \$3.25.

The 124c line you will find the best ever shown in Bloom.

Holiday China.

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Salad bowls, from 25c to \$4.50
 Celery trays, " 50c to 3.75
 Bread plates, " 25c to 2.75
 Cups & saucers, " 10c to 1.50
 Chop plates, " 25c to 4.75
 Cream pitchers, trays, of all kinds. Mugs, vases, pepper and salts, platters, fruit saucers, from 10c up.

The Kid Glove Equipment.

Regular lines re-inforced, new

The Lily Patent Flour is a new brand put up for this store. In order to get it introduced we will sell it to you at \$3.60 per Bbl. We sell it with this understanding: If you can't bake good bread out of it we will take it back and give you your money.

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