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Never Disappoints

THE COLUMBIAN. BLOOMSBURG, PA. J. S. Williams & Son, BLOOMSBURG PA Public Sale Criers and General Auctioneers.

SALES. SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1900.—George H. Welliver will sell at the Exchange Hotel stables, 30 head of Ohio horses. Sale to commence at one o'clock in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1900.—Charles G. Barkley, administrator of the estate of Conrad Kreamer, deceased, will sell personal property, on the premises, at Jerseytown. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock p.m.

Spring birds will soon be due. Are you going to move? If so, you will probably need some neat wall paper to beautify your rooms. You can find a large stock and many pretty patterns at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

The advance in prices at public venues throughout the country is claimed to be evidence that times are better. Live stock and farm implements have been bringing higher prices than for many years past.

Judge Savidge, of Sunbury, has tried, during his term, seventeen murder cases in Northumberland and Schuylkill counties. In only one of these cases was the defendant hung, two were committed to life imprisonment, and the others were either acquitted or got lesser terms of imprisonment.

The story is going the rounds that a thief recently entered the office of the Oval Ledger and captured twenty-six dollars. We say story, because we doubt the truth of any fairy tale like this that attempts to lead the people to believe that any country editor in Pennsylvania ever had twenty-six dollars at one time.

The protests that have been made against the slaughter of birds appears to have but little effect. New York milliners have just contracted with Delaware parties for the bodies of 8,000 birds, including such members of the feathered tribes as blue birds which have proved themselves effective agents in the destruction of insects that prey upon vegetation.

Saturday last was St. Patrick's Day, the anniversary of the birth of the patron saint of Ireland, and green, which is the insignia of devotion to the one man who, in the far past, did so much for the Catholic Church, was worn by many. After fifteen centuries the lessons of faith, taught by St. Patrick, are as fresh as on the day he first imparted them.

The Farm Journal is 23 years old, prints 40 tons of paper a month, and is out of debt; has a new press that will print 100 papers a minute; it is cut to fit every progressive farmer and villager. Don't you want this fine little paper? Now we have a clubbing arrangement with the Farm Journal by which, if you will pay in advance, you can have the COLUMBIAN one year and the Farm Journal nearly five years (remainder of 1900, and all of 1901, 1902, 1903 and 1904), all for \$1.00. Did you ever hear of such an offer?

The Carpet Trade.

Not many towns the size of Bloomsburg have an exclusive carpet store. W. H. Brower succeeded his grandfather, J. J. Brower, in the retail carpet business, and still remains at the old stand. He has a fine line of carpets in stock, including Brussels, Velvets, Tapestries and Ingrains. Also oil-cloths, Chinese and Japanese matings, rugs, etc. If his customers cannot be suited with what he has in stock, he can procure a large line of samples from the best makers in the country, at short notice. Persons contemplating the purchase of any floor covering this spring should call on Mr. Brower and get prices. They will save money by it. 3-15 21

WANTED—SEVERAL PERSONS FOR District Office Managers in this State to represent me in their own and surrounding counties. Willing to pay yearly \$600, payable weekly. Desirable employment with unusual opportunities. References exchanged. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. S. A. Park, 520 Casson Building, Chicago. 12-21.161

The D. L. & W. will run a special excursion train to Wilkesbarre Saturday, March 24th. One fare for the round trip, in order to allow amusement patrons of this city to witness a notable attraction at the Nesbit Theatre. The Kecey Shannon Company in "The Moth and the Flame." "The Moth and the Flame," which Herbert Kecey and Effie Shannon present at the Nesbit Theatre, Wilkesbarre, Saturday evening March 24 is one of the small number of American dramas one can be forgiven, even an undignified, patriotic enthusiasm over.

The play is based upon the theme that love rules the world, and love rules the play. Character is moulded and developed by the influence of love in the world and so are Mr. Fitch's characters in this play. The interest is absorbing during the entire action. The climaxes are intense and thrilling, and the railery and retort brilliant. In "The Moth and the Flame" Mr. Kecey and Miss Shannon have been fitted with characters which bring into play their best efforts and reveal them both as artists of force and finish. It is an intensely interesting high-class drama which reveals something of the private life and social environment of New York's ultra-fashionable society. The children's party given by adults at the residence of a society leader, with which the play opens, is, of itself, a revelation of the frivolities indulged in by the "smart set", and as such "holds the mirror up to nature" in a manner which is as truthful and realistic as it is highly interesting and entertaining. There is more or less comedy in the play, but tragedy also plays a part, and two of the strongest situations of the piece are the climaxes at the close of the first and second act, one revealing a suicide in high life, and the other, the denunciation of an aristocratic scoundrel at a swell society church wedding. The cast includes a score of characters and the company is virtually the same as that which has heretofore been seen in the play in all the principal cities for the past two years, and during its New York engagement of 125 nights at Daniel Frohman's Lyceum Theatre. "The Moth and the Flame" ranks among the most notable of American successes, and its attractiveness last season equaled that of "The Christian" and "The Little Minister."

Seats may be ordered through the Lackawanna agent. The price of seats will be \$1.50, \$1.00, 75 cents and 50 cents. it

The following is the program of the entertainment, to be given in the Lutheran Church, on Saturday evening, by the Susquehanna University musical organizations:

- 1. "Alma Mia drae Sempre,".....Cevaire Orchestra.
2. "Kentucky Babe,".....Geibel Glee Club.
3. "Chicago Evening Post March,".....Nixon Mandolin and Guitar Club.
4. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.....Glee Club.
5. Cornet Solo—"Edelweiss von Semmering," Fantaisie, Opr. 24.....Hoch Mr. Snyder.
6. "The Languid Man,".....Cannottlet Mr. Wingard and Glee Club.
8. Vocal Solo.....Selected Mr. Nicholas.
PART 2.
1. "Overture de Vals,".....Veno Orchestra.
2. "The Phantom Band,".....Douglas Thayer Glee Club.
3. "Dangerous Maid Waltzes,".....Geithens Mandolin and Guitar Club.
4. "Sleep Little Baby of Mine,".....Green Zimmerman, Brangard, Carpenter and Nicholas.
5. Reading.....Selected Mr. Wingard.
6. "Liza Skinner,".....Moeay Mr. Nicholas and Glee Club.
7. "Varsity Club March,".....Barge Mandolin and Guitar Club.
8. Sacred Song.....Glee Club Prof. C. A. Keely, Pianist.
"The Span of Life."

OFFICERS OF THE COURT.

District Attorney Daniel B. Heiner is assisted in his work by Assistant District Attorneys D. M. Willer, J. N. Laughan and John B. Myers. The other officers of the court are: Fred C. Leonard, marshal; Clark Lowry, Joe H. Irons and J. W. Snyder, deputies; William T. Lindsey, clerk; A. J. Colborn, jr., deputy.

MUNICIPAL VALLEY COUNTERFEITING CASE.

The case of the United States vs. Wellington Lavelle and John R. Gansel was put on trial Tuesday afternoon. They were charged with having in their possession moulds for making coin, and with making coin. The story of the case runs this way: Lavelle, whose home is in Honesdale, is a photographer, and in the summer he travels around from place to place with a tent. Last August he reached Muncy Valley, a pretty little hamlet in Sullivan County nestled down among the hills, and pitched his tent, and seemed to be following the business of taking pictures. He soon formed the acquaintance of John R. Gansel, a stone-mason and sort of a village loafer and of somewhat dissolute habits. They became very thick, so much so that one day in October Constable Hess said to Gansel: "John, what's going on down at that tent? You and Lavelle must be doing some crooked work," whereupon Gansel told him they were getting ready to make counterfeit money, and wanted the constable to arrest them both at once, as he wanted to get out of it. The constable said he couldn't arrest them without evidence, and this Gansel promised to procure. Acting under the constable's advice he arranged with Lavelle who had the moulds, to go up on the mountain side and make some coin. This was done, and Gansel returned to Hess with the moulds and a coin, and then Hess notified the District Attorney at Laporte, and he notified the government, and an inspector was sent on by the Treasury department, who arrested Lavelle. A few days later Gansel was arrested on Lavelle's statement, which was as follows: That he never saw the moulds; that Gansel came to his tent because they could both play the violin; that when they went up on the mountain side they went for cider and apples, and to hunt coon; that Gansel made the moulds and the coins, and he knew

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT.

Two Men Accused of Counterfeiting, Tried at Scranton.

The sessions of the United States Circuit and District Courts opened at Scranton last week Tuesday, Judge Buffington presiding. Judge Acheson usually presides in the Circuit court, but was sitting with the Court of Appeals in Philadelphia last week, and in his absence the District court Judge presides in both. All criminal cases arising from the violation of the laws of the United States are tried in the District court. These include robbing post-offices; sending obscene matter through the mails; using the mails for fraudulent purposes; making or passing counterfeit money; violation of the revenue laws; illicit distilling, &c. In the circuit court are tried all civil suits, and these are cases of litigation between residents of different states.

Grand jurors and petit jurors for these courts are drawn from all over the state, and here there is room for a reform that would save the government much money. There does not seem to be any good reason for drawing jurors from Columbia County to attend court at Erie or Pittsburg, nor for bringing jurors from the western end of the state to Williamsport or Scranton. The state should be properly districted, and jurors drawn from near-by counties, thus saving hundreds of dollars in mileage at each session of court. Last week three cases were tried, and it was estimated that the expense to the government was \$2700. Some jurors drew nearly forty dollars for mileage.

The Judges of the United States courts are appointed by the President, and they hold office practically for life. The appointments are necessarily of a partisan character, but, in this state excellent selections have been made and the Judiciary is above reproach.

Cases tried in district and circuit courts can be carried to the Court of Appeals which consists of all the circuit judges of several specified states. From the Court of Appeals they can be carried up to the Supreme Court of the United States. The methods of legal procedure in all these courts is much the same as in our county and state courts.

A Rare Treat.

The musical entertainment in the Bellville Lutheran Church, given by the Susquehanna University Glee, Mandolin and Guitar Clubs and Orchestra is one long to be remembered by the people of the far famed Kishacoquillas Valley.

The singing by the large Glee Club held the audience spell-bound. Every piece was heartily encored, not only once but several times. The music by the Mandolin and Guitar Club and Orchestra was well rendered and received hearty applause. Special mention might be made of several tenor solos given by the leader, Mr. Nicholas and the manager, Mr. Wingard.

Although the weather was threatening yet the large auditorium was packed. None but words of praise can be heard from those who had the pleasure of hearing this Musical Organization and we bespeak a glorious future for the attainment of these young men.—Bellville Times.

This will be given in the Lutheran Church on Saturday evening, March 24th.

Fire on Tuesday morning damaged the power house of the American Car and Foundry Company at Milton to the extent of \$3000.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling Home of Swamp-Root. Thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper.

nothing about it. There was much evidence to corroborate Gansel and none to corroborate Lavelle, so the Jury came in with a verdict of guilty as to Lavelle, and not guilty as to Gansel. Lavelle, who had been in jail for five months, was sentenced to 18 months in the Western Penitentiary at Pittsburg.

JAMES F. STOKER

James F. Stoker died in Philadelphia March 17, 1900, in his sixty-first year. The deceased was born in Fishingcreek Township, Columbia Co., where he spent the greater part of his life in farming. He was a son of John Stoker, one of the first settlers of Columbia Co., and the ninth child out of a family of 10 children, of whom 6 still live: Russell Stoker, Atalissa, Iowa, and Wm. M. Stoker and Ellis S. Stoker reside on the old homestead; Phoebe Hulmes and Mrs. John McHenry of Stillwater, and Mrs. Daniel Edgar of Orangeville.

Mr. Stoker moved to Philadelphia over 18 years ago and carried on a market on 40th Street ever since, where he gathered around him a host of friends, and his word was better than a bond. He leaves a widow, a grown up daughter and a host of friends to mourn their loss which is his eternal gain.

Death of Mrs. Mary Colley.

Mrs. May Boone, wife of Levi Colley, died at the German Hospital, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, the 13th, aged 31 years and 1 day. On Friday of last week, she was taken to Philadelphia to be placed in skilled hands for an operation for an inward trouble with which she has been afflicted for some time. She was hopeful of being restored to health and kept in good cheer, but never rallied or became conscious after the operation.

Mrs. Colley was a lady greatly beloved by her friends and neighbors; was a devoted wife and mother, and leaves many friends who heard of her death with great sorrow.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Boone, of Almedia, Columbia county, Pa., and has lived in Muncy ever since her marriage with the husband who survives her, together with a little daughter about 12 years old.

She was a member of the Baptist church, and funeral services were held from that church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. R. R. Rock officiated, assisted by the choir of the church. Interment was made in Muncy cemetery.—Muncy Luminary.

Origin of Lent.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office April 30, 1900. Persons calling for these letters will please say "that they were advertised March 22, 1900": Mr. Hugh Appelman, Jno. M. Crossland, Miss Hawkey (2), J. B. Landis, C. B. Ridgeway.

"Three-fold Meaning of Lent" was the subject of the sermon preached by the Rev. Thomas Van Ness, of Boston, in the First Unitarian Church Twenty-second and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Sunday morning. "Lectin Tid," that is the lengthening time, was the name given to March, said the speaker, because in March there was a lengthening of days. The Teutonic priests fasted until the first of the year—March 25—to go into communication with Mother Earth, just walking to life, and to obtain from her divine revelations. As we know, fasting produces vivid dreams, and nearly all the ancient peoples supposed that the gods spoke to mortals through dreams. Going without food exhibited a power of self control and will power and the gods admired will power.

By the middle of the fifth century the Teutons were masters of Italy. Nominally they are converted to Christianity, but they still retain many of their old religious forms and customs, among others this habit of feasting through March. Wisely does the church, as it did with the Roman Saturnalia, occurring December 25, adopt the lengthen season and in Pope Felix's time added to the length of time, making it thirty-six days, so that the biblical law of giving one-tenth might be observed, thirty-six days being one-tenth of a year. Four more days were added later to make the time correspond in length to that which Jesus was supposed to have spent in fasting while in the wilderness, and the official title quadragesima is given. However, the old pagan name of Lenten or Lent still survives.

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