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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1903.

A New Bill.

The bill introduced in the State Legislature by Senator Harrison, making wife desertion a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or a fine not exceeding \$100, or both, is called to the attention of all charity workers and thoughtful people.

Fow Ballot Reform Bill.

Mr. Ikler has introduced in the legislature the ballot reform bill prepared by ex-Representative John H. Fow, of Philadelphia, and endorsed by the Democratic caucus.

Hon. Fred Ikler delivered his lecture "The Needs of the New Century" in Towanda last Friday before the Bradford county teachers' institute.

Pennsylvania has eight Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Companies carrying risks aggregating over \$15,000,000.00. One of the conditions for admission in all of them is that the insured must be a member in good standing in a Subordinate Grange.

Every citizen who neglects his public and political duties, who evades the obligations of partisanship, leaving to others the details of government, is helping to create professional politicians.

My Hair. "I had a very severe sickness that took off all my hair. I purchased a bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor and it brought all my hair back again."

WHEELER'S GREAT CLAIM.

\$60,000,000 Suit Against Reading Co. Comes up in June.

O. H. Wheeler, of Williamsport, who has instituted against the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company the "greatest suit in the history of Pennsylvania," a suit on the outcome of which "depends the title of more than half the properties in Pennsylvania, New York and the Virginias," is in Sunbury again, says Tuesday's Sunbury Item.

He freely tells the story of his long struggle against "the soulless corporation," which for many years has grown rich at the expense of him and his associates in the Robert Morris Land and Coal Company.

Wheeler bases his claim on the original grant of the land by the Commonwealth to one Robert Morris in 1793. The grant included 154 warrants to 61,500 acres in Lycoming, Northumberland, Columbia and Schuylkill counties then valuable as timber tracts.

When Wheeler came into possession of the property, or at least into possession by deed, he organized the Robert Morris Land and Coal Company, composed of twenty-six men, many of them state officials, who are now deceased.

Wheeler instituted suit in 1889, and as he claimed he could not get justice in local courts in which the corporation practiced subordination, he transferred his suits to Pittsburg and later to other places.

Wheeler is an old man, several years over the four-score mark. He says he has been a lawyer since 1841, when he was admitted to the bar, and that during the war he bore dispatches from Governor Curtin to President Lincoln.

Another Scheme.

Farmers should be on the look-out for a clever swindler who claims that he is organizing a "National Threshers' Protective Association."

The Odd Fellows Orphanage.

There was a meeting at Sunbury last week, of the following officers of the Odd Fellows' Orphanage at Snyderstown: President, W. H. Pallman, of Patterson; Vice President, E. C. Wagner, of Girardville;

From Court House Corridors.

Glass panels have been placed in the doors of the various offices in the Court House and the same nicely lettered. This is an improvement that has long been needed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Lewis Grossley and Miss Jennie Albertson, both of Berwick. Harry B. Lewis of Girardville, and Miss Amelia J. Dyke of Centralia.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Perry D. Black and wife to Geo. B. Appleman, land in Rohrsburg. Aaron A. Hill to William Beck, Jr. land in Center twp.

The following is an extract from the annual address of Aaron Jones, Master of the National Grange:

The wonderful growth, good reputation and increasing influence of the Order is due to the high character of its membership, its conservative and consistent course in standing above partisan, sectional or sectarian bias; and always standing solidly and unwaveringly for the right, fairness, equity and honesty in the exchange of commodities of farm, factory, and in all business, legislation, or other matters.

Among the bills offered in the House this week was one by Representative Vasbinder, of Jefferson, providing for the taxation of dealers in cigarettes, which has become familiar by its appearance at past sessions.

One of the greatest drawbacks to the growth of a town is the vacant property held for a price. A western state proposes a law under which such property be valued by a commission, and if being held by a greedy speculator it is to be taxed the same as improved property.

Aching Joints

In the fingers, toes, arms, and other parts of the body, are joints that are inflamed and swollen by rheumatism—that acid condition of the blood which affects the muscles also.

Sufferers dread to move, especially after sitting or lying long, and their condition is commonly worse in wet weather.

"It has been a long time since we have been without Hood's Sarsaparilla. My father thinks he could not do without it. He has been troubled with rheumatism since he was a boy, and Hood's Sarsaparilla is the only medicine he can take that will enable him to take his place in the field."

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Remove the cause of rheumatism—no outward application can. Take them.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

A Farmer's Institute will be held in the Lutheran church Numidia, next Monday and Tuesday, February 23 and 24. Four sessions will be held. All of them will be not only interesting, but valuable to the people in general and to the farmers in particular.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional services, Rev. Weicksel; Opening address, Dr. J. C. Wintersteen; Sessions to be devoted to soil conditions—Soil fertility, Col. John A. Woodward; Discussion; How to conserve soil moisture, Prof. Franklin Menges, York, Pa.; Discussion; Soil cultivation, Joel A. Herr, Cedar Springs, Pa.; Discussion; Question box.

MONDAY EVENING.

Educational session—Music, Numidia school; What is needed to make the public schools more efficient, Prof. W. W. Evans, Supt. Public Schools; Demonstration of school work, Prof. J. H. Maust, Prin Numidia Schools; What education does the farmer need, Col. Woodward.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises, Rev. Weicksel; Feeding and care of cattle, Joel A. Herr; Discussion; Fruit culture, Col. Woodward; Discussion; Insect friends and foes of farmers, Prof. Menges; Discussion; Question box.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Sanitary arrangement of country homes, Dr. J. C. Wintersteen; Discussion; Practical road making, Joel A. Herr; Discussion; Care taking worth hard cash, Col. Woodward; The agricultural course at State College—what is it? H. V. White; Reiteration; Adjournment.

Acknowledge Their Gratitude.

The Buckhorn band takes this means of thanking the public in general for the financial support so generously given them lately, and hope to show their appreciation of these favors as far as possible by future services.

Rural mail carriers are experiencing many hardships just now because of the snow drifts. The roads in some places are entirely obliterated.

While placing paper on the dryers at the paper mill at Catawissa on Monday, Jeremiah Ash had his hand caught in the machine and badly burned. Several of his ribs were also broken.

Coryville Grange, No. 1212, McKean county, was organized May 22, 1902, with 45 charter members, meetings have been held every week since, 34 members have been initiated and 11 admitted by dimit, making a total membership of 99.

A woman was shot dead on the streets of Lebanon, Pa. on Sunday night, in full view of scores of persons, and in resisting arrest the murderer killed a policeman before he was landed in jail.

The husband suspected David Shaup, aged 25 years, who was convicted, but was out on bail pending application for a new trial for robbing Mrs. Baker's stepfather, of \$350. She was the principal witness against him.

He was finally landed in jail without further trouble. CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

BIG REDUCTIONS

IN ALL WINTER

SUITS AND OVERCOATS

AT

Townsend's

FASHIONABLE

CLOTHING HOUSE.

THE FEBRUARY

Furniture Sale

From the woodman's axe ringing in the forest to the exhibition of the product of the world's best furniture makers on our floors to-day, is a far cry. It is a specimen of magic of American progress.

We will Deliver the Furniture when you are ready.

It simply means that we wish to encourage as much buying as possible before the normal buying time begins; and you can get Furniture now at a much less price than later. This Sale will Begin

Thursday, February 19, 1903,

and last ONE WEEK. Bedroom Suits at 18.50 from 22.50.

Bed nicely trimmed. Base of Dresser 45x22. Mirror 28x30. Large sized wash stand.

\$12.00 Couches at \$10.00 While this sale lasts. \$15.00 " " \$12.98 " " " " \$14.00 " " \$12.50 " " " "

Rockers

\$3.00 Fancy Rockers at \$2.49. 5.00 " " " 4.00. 5.98 " " " 5.00. 8.25 " " " 7.00. 9.00 " " " 8.00. 11.50 " " " 10.00.

Morris Chairs

\$6.00 Morris Chairs at \$5.00. 8.98 " " " 7.50. 11.50 " " " 9.00. 12.08 " " " 10.00. 11.75 " " " 8.50.

Chiffonniers

\$6.00 Chiffonniers at \$5.50. 7.00 " " " 6.25. 10.00 " " " 9.00. 14.00 " " " 12.50. 15.00 " " " 13.98.

Dining Chairs

\$5.50 Dining Chairs at \$5.00. 7.50 " " " 6.50. 9.50 " " " 8.50. 11.00 " " " 9.50. 11.00 " " " 10.00.

Our Linen Sale will end Feby. 25,

F. P. Pursel.

West Arlington Grange, No. 1200, Lackawanna Co., meets every Wednesday evening at Capwell's Hall. On Dec. 31, 1902 officers were elected, refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed while the old year passed out and the new one began.

Garden Seeds High in Price This Year.

The price of garden seeds has advanced to a higher point than at any other time for more than twenty years, on account of last year's unfavorable weather, and this may have some effect on the price of garden stuffs next fall. The advance is particularly heavy on bulk seeds, such as peas, beans and corn, which have gone up fully three hundred per cent.