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**BUSINESS LOCALS.**

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We have printed a supply of blanks for Supervisors under the new law, and will keep them in stock. They include order books, tax notices, and daily road reports. Samples sent on application. tf.

Souvenir Post Cards are printed at this office. Half tones supplied. tf.

Paper napkins and doilies at the COLUMBIAN office. tf.

Senator Knox' friends are trying to start a boon for him for President.

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S. C. Creasy and F. B. Hartman left here on Tuesday morning for Washington, D. C., where they are attending the sessions of the convention of the National Lumbermen's Association.

The old Joshua Fetterman home-stead on Main street, now owned by Mr. Titman, is undergoing a complete change. The back part of the building has been torn down, and an addition will be erected. The first floor will be made into a store room, and the third floor will be used as sleeping apartments in connection with the Central Hotel.

A lot of old fishermen in Milton are looking up the fish laws and getting ready to do some fishing extraordinary, according to The Lewisburg Journal. The car company of Milton will soon begin to fill up an old pool to make room for a new tank shop. There are tons of fish in this pool, carp, suckers and a great many black bass. When the fill is commenced the fish will be gradually driven to the shallow flats near the bank and can be caught with the bare hands.

Two 10-cent magazines are part of "Philadelphia Press" every Sunday—nothing like them anywhere else. In one of these magazines sections there are splendid short stories and usually a serial written by one of the strongest fiction writers. The other section is a woman's magazine, splendidly illustrated, the contributors are foremost writers and the fashion news is always of the latest. Buy "The Philadelphia Press" every day in the week, then you get all that is worth having.

**GRANGE SUSPICIOUS OF THE LEGISLATURE.**

Committee of the State Organization Issues Statement Demanding That Campaign Pledges Be Kept.

The Legislative Committee of the State Grange held a meeting at Harrisburg, on Saturday to discuss lines of action to enact into laws the measures advocated by the Grange. With nine weeks of the session passed the committee is suspicious that ante election promises do not mean post election laws and as a result of the conference issued the following statement:—

We insist that the tax law be so changed that the unjust discrimination against farm property and other real estate be removed. To this end the personal and corporate property as well as franchises and other valuable assets, now paying little or no tax, should bear their share of the burdens of taxation.

The increase in the school population demands an increased school appropriation. The present appropriation for public schools is less than it was twelve years ago. We appreciate the support that the press has given us in this matter.

**STATE AID FOR GOOD ROADS.**

Because public roads are for the use and benefit of all, we demand that for every dollar raised by the townships for road building and maintenance 50 cents shall be paid by the State, which is now the law in New York State. Considering the reckless extravagance and the unsatisfactory results following the enormous outlay for State roads per mile, we are firmly of the opinion that the townships of the State must depend largely upon local management for permanent good roads.

We favor a maximum 2-cent passenger rate and the right of trolley cars to carry any and all kinds of freight in country districts.

We want appropriate legislation to enforce the Forty-seventh Article of the Constitution.

We favor the initiative and referendum.

**DEMAND ANTI TRUST LAW.**

We demand the passage of the anti-trust law now before the Legislature, similar laws being in operation in other States. The result of two years' operation of such a law in Kansas regarding oil has been the establishing of sixteen independent refineries and a lowering of the price of oil and gasoline to customers.

That we are opposed to the creation of new offices and the increase of salaries goes without saying.

Less than one year's experience with the corrupt practices act shows the fact that it permits the grossest corruption in both primary and general election, we insist on having the same amended.

**ARBITRATION RATHER THAN MILITIA.**

We disapprove of government by commission and inspection and regret the creation of new commissions, and also condemn the increasing tendency toward the use of militia rather than arbitration or other civil authority.

The cost of State government is increasing at an alarming rate and largely for questionable purposes. In other words, departments are created at great expense when the same results could be obtained at little cost.

We emphatically condemn the action of Congress for passing the ship subsidy measure.

Members of the committee will remain in the city to watch the Legislature and to insist that campaign pledges be kept.

Tinsel postcards can no longer be sent through the mails, unless they are enclosed in envelopes. The clerks complain that the bronze powder used in tinseling the souvenirs works off and floats into the eyes, nose and mouth, causing them trouble.

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Stories by Normal Students.

**A PLUCKY BOY.**

BY MARTHA BERRING.

When Stephen Clifton was seventeen years old, he was graduated from the public schools, and took with him, not only the honors of his class, but the friendship and admiration of all his classmates and teachers.

He was the only child in the family of three, and was, therefore, the pride and joy of both father and mother. His mother was an invalid and, although his father was a hard-working, economical man, the doctor's bills seemed to keep the family purse constantly drained.

For this reason, Stephen bade farewell to his Alma Mater with a sad heart, for he was fond of his studies, and would have pursued them until he had finished college, but the financial condition of the family discouraged even the thought of such a course. However, no one knew of the longings of the boy's heart, for, whenever the subject was broached, he turned it jokingly aside, saying that hereafter he was going to work, and then they would soon be "as rich as Croesus."

He secured a position in a store near his home, and worked earnestly during the summer months. One day in August he received a letter from a wealthy uncle saying that he had been hearing good reports of his nephew from all sides, and would like to suggest that if Stephen had any inclination whatever to continue his school life, he would be delighted to treat the boy as one of his own, and pay all expenses of a college career. Stephen's father immediately decided that the boy should go, and although Stephen at first objected to the plea that he was needed at home, he was soon persuaded that it was a chance not to be ignored, and in a few weeks was on his way.

He entered the college as a Freshman, after passing the preliminary examinations, but contrary to his expectations, the boys in general refused to be friendly with him. It may have been because he did not mingle much with them, and spent most of his time studying, but whatever the cause it hurt him more than he would acknowledge.

During the month of December, a millionaire living near the school offered a prize of \$5000 to the boy who could write the best essay on "How to be Happy." At first Stephen gave little heed to the subject, but when the idea finally occurred to him, the more he pondered it, the more feasible the plan became.

About two weeks before the essays were to be read, Stephen had his all prepared, and took much satisfaction in the result. He copied it neatly in ink and placed it on the shelf in his room.

One evening, a few days before the important event, he received a notice which read as follows:—S. C., Your essay is in our possession. If you want it, do as we direct. Meet us in the gymnasium at 11.30 tonight, and we will conduct you to the place where it may be found. You will have no light, and must, therefore, feel your way to the box containing it. It rests on a bench in the rear, right hand corner. On no other conditions will you get it.

Signed,  
 COMMITTEE.

Stephen's surprise was so great as he read the epistle, that some time elapsed before he realized its import. Then he went quickly to his shelf, almost expecting to find his essay still there, but, sure enough, it was gone. He did not like the idea of obeying the directions of the missive, but, determined to show that he was no coward, he quietly descended the steps promptly at 11.30 o'clock. As he entered the room, he perceived four masked figures in one corner. They advanced, and after blind-folding him, led him forth. For a long time they marched onward and not a word was spoken. Presently they halted, took off the cloth from his eyes, and immediately disappeared.

Stephen found himself in pitch darkness, and upon reaching forward he discovered a door before him. He opened it somewhat hesitatingly, and although a peculiar dampness issued forth, he could perceive nothing. Summoning all his will power, he stepped inside, and began feeling along the right hand side. All at once he paused, and the cold shivers ran over him as he touched something ice-cold. He started to feel in a different direction, with the result that his hand closed over a human face. By

this time he was so frightened that he could scarcely stand, but determined to brave it out, he took a step forward, stumbled over a coffin, and fell headlong over the body before him. The realization that he was alone in a vault at midnight caused great beads of perspiration to drip from his forehead, and his heart to almost cease from beating, but, making one more effort, he thrust forth his hand, and grasped—a small box. With one bound he was out of the vault and was racing back to the school as fast as his trembling legs could carry him.

The next morning Stephen was found to be very sick, and for several days he lay in a raging fever. The day of the contest came and passed and he knew nothing until it was all over. About a week afterward, however, he had recovered sufficiently to descend to the breakfast room, where, to his surprise, he was lifted on the shoulders of the boys and carried around the room, amid the cheers of all. When the noise had ceased sufficiently for him to inquire as to the cause of the proceedings, he was told that the boys had taken his essay and read it for him on the night of the contest, and that he had won, not only the prize, but the unbounded admiration of all for his pluckiness in the vault. Thus did Stephen win the friendship of the boys, and also the means of aiding his parents.

**Trespass Notices.**

Card signs "No Trespassing" for sale at this office. They are printed in accordance with the late act of 1903. Price 5 cents each. tf.

On account of the threatened illness of the latter, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Moyer returned from the south on Monday, their trip thus being cut short, as they had planned a visit to Florida.

The quarantine has been lifted from the home of Frank Sterner, after many weeks. Three children died with diphtheria. The other two have recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Pollock of Berwick are visiting relatives in town.

**FOR SALE OR RENT.**

The property of Mrs. William Elwell on West Third street is for sale, or will be rented if not sold by April 1st. For particulars inquire of Geo. E. Elwell. tf.

**WILL GO IN BUSINESS.**

F. M. Gilmore has been notified to vacate the room occupied by his restaurant, on August 1st. It is understood that J. G. Wells will open a jewelry store there.

Col. A. D. Seely and Mr. Eaton of Berwick were in town to-day. The Colonel is one of Berwick's leading citizens, and is well-known all over the county. He saw service in the War of the Rebellion, was a member of Governor Pattison's staff, and is always one of the leading spirits in all public demonstrations in his borough. Though getting along in years he is enjoying robust health, and looks the typical soldier, straight as an arrow, and as handsome as in his younger days. May he live long, and prosper!

**Damaged by Sewer Stoppage.**

The cellars of Reber's hardware store, Evans' Shoe store and the Morning Press were flooded twice during the past week by a stoppage in the sewer, which backed the water in on them. The street was opened up at Market Square and the trouble located. A stick was found which was crossways in the pipe and had caught an assortment of things that ought not to have been allowed to get in the sewer.

The COLUMBIAN Building was not troubled, as its sewer was put in before the town system was laid and runs down the alley to Third street, thence to Market.

**Death of Mrs. Maria Bradley.**

Mrs. Maria Bradley, widow of Rev. Joel Bradley, former pastor of the First Baptist church, Danville, died Thursday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Jacobs, Oak Lane, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Maria Bradley was in her 91st year and death came as the result of the infirmities of old age. She is survived beside Mrs. Jacobs by a son, Dr. William H. Bradley, of Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Bradley was a sister of the late Mrs. J. J. Bower. Rev. Joel Bradley taught school in Bloomsburg many years ago. Dr. William H. Bradley was also a resident here, being one of the proprietors of the Republican, the firm being Bradley & Gordo.

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