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Go to the Parish House supper tonight.

A floating bath house on the river is talked of at Danville.

The circus season is here, but there is no circus in sight yet.

The new fire alarm system is completed, and has been tested and accepted by the town.

In the case of Yetter vs. Longenberger on trial last week, the verdict was for the defendant.

I. H. Hagenbuch, of Danville R. F. D. 4, was a recent visitor to Bloomsburg, and favored this office with a pleasant call.

The class of 1908 at the Normal has decided to give as a class memorial, the sum of \$450 to beautify the grove on the school grounds.

The residence of Fred Ikeler, Esq., has been repainted, and a new porch larger than the old one is being erected on the lower side.

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N. U. Funk, Esq., is attending the sessions of the General Synod of the Reformed church in the United States, now meeting at York, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eyerly re-turued from their wedding trip on Thursday. They spent a week in Washington, and a week at Old Point Comfort.

Chas. O. Skeer has decided to close his studio, and will abandon the teaching of voice culture for the present. He will resume his vocal studies in New York in the fall.

A large audience gathered in the court house on Tuesday to listen to Dr. McCormack's very inter-esting lecture. Many physicians were here from neighboring towns.

For headache Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills.

Judge Evans has granted a change of venue in the case of Peter Diet-rick of Danville. The case has been ordered to Luzerne county, where it will be tried before Judge Lynch next December.

There is no decision in the Krick-baum election case yet. Evidently this case is giving the Supreme Court food for thought, as it is now more than a month since it was ar-gued.

Some needed repairs are being made to the Episcopal property. A cement stairway and walls to the basement of the Parish House have been built, and the pointing on the Main street side of the church and tower is now going on.

Dr. Baker, superintendent of the Matteawan Insane Asylum, where Harry K. Thaw is confined, says that Thaw is insane. Dr. Evans, another expert on insanity, says he is not insane. This is an illustra-tion of what expert testimony is sometimes worth.

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POOREST, BUT THE HAPPIEST.

People of Naples May Be Half Starving, Yet Ready to Dance and Sing.

It is estimated that a quarter of a million people in Naples live from hand to mouth; and there are hundreds of children who subsist out of the garbage boxes, and who sleep in churches and on doorsteps.

The taxes in Italy to provide war-ships and to keep the nation on a war footing with the other powers are really stupendous. There is a tax on everything, says the Dellineator, grain in the field, fruit on the vine, old bottles. Fuel and food-stuffs are very dear—only labor is cheap. For the very poor, meat is a luxury unheard of, and even macaroni is too dear to be indulged in often. There are any number of perambulating street kitchens, where various kinds of soup, cakes and fruit are sold in portions costing one cent. And yet these people seem very happy. Bands of musicians are always playing in the streets; the guitar and mandolin are to be heard everywhere—on the boats, in the hotels—and the stranger is lulled to sleep by a soft serenade under his balcony.

The story teller thrives in Naples, as there are so many idlers there. He collects a little crowd around him and proceeds in the most dramatic way, gesticulating wildly and working his face into the most excruciating expressions, to relate stories of adventure or other events, much to the edification of his hearers, who, to show their appreciation, are often betrayed into giving a sou which might have been better spent for bread or polenta.

The public letter-writer is another street dignitary of importance, and in great demand, especially with timid and buxom maids of all work, who have themselves neglected to learn the art of writing. Of such the public letter-writer holds all the secrets of their lives and is often their adviser as well as amanuensis.

Wind and Fish.

A singular correspondence has lately been brought to light between the prevailing direction of the wind on the coast of New South Wales and the average catch of fish. The winds influence the ocean currents, which in turn influence the course of the fish. These influences have periods of three or four years. Thus in 1898 there was a general scarcity of fish, but afterward they became more and more abundant up to 1901. In 1905 there was another scarcity of fish, but the next year they began to return in increasing numbers. The cause of these variations was a mystery until the coincidence with the prevailing direction of the coastal winds was noticed. Now it is thought that by the study of the winds the prospects of the fishermen may be predicted two or three years in advance.—Youth's Companion.

A Snake Bite Knife.

The British government has been actively fighting snakes in India for a dozen years or more, and still these reptiles kill many thousand natives annually. Sir Lander Brunton, a little while ago, devised a neat pocket instrument for handy use in case of snake bite, and the Indian government has decided to distribute the apparatus widely among the natives. It consists of a small knife in the handle of which is a cavity. This is kept filled with permanganate of potash, a powerful antiseptic and caustic. When a person is bitten he immediately cuts the wound open widely, and rubs the permanganate upon the raw surface. If the bite is in the extremities, and this operation is performed without delay, the treatment is very effective.

When the Huckster is Most Zealous.

"I never buy anything from a huckster who makes a great outcry about his stuff or seems very anxious to sell," says a South End housekeeper, "for the chances are ten to one that there is something the matter with whatever he has to sell." "When two men with one wagon come up the street roaring 'appools' so they can be heard for four or five blocks, I know that some cold storage man has a big stock on hand just about to spoil and that the hucksters know that condition of the apples as well as the cold storage man, hence their zeal and energy to get rid of their stock."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Cure-All.

Are you fat? Walk. Are you thin? Walk. Are you nervous? Walk. Have you no appetite? Walk. Or do you gormandize? Walk. Have you lost interest in life? Walk. Maybe your poor stomach won't work. Walk. Or perhaps your liver has gone on a strike. Walk. Cupid may have put a kink in your suffering heart. Walk. In short, walking seems to be the remedy for all ills, save, perhaps, broken legs.

Room Enough for All.

The national Government authority on milk says that there are 25,000,000 microbes in every cubic centimetre of the lacteal fluid. If we accept this statement as one of fact, why should we continue to protest against overcrowding in the Subway cars.—N. Y. Press.

As a rule there's nothing in a name—but sometimes everything a man has is in his wife's name.

THE OUTPUT OF EXCELSIOR.

Ten Thousand Acres of Timber Sacrificed to That Stuffing Every Year.

Excelsior seems to the average man a trifling product, and one that by reason of its lightness cannot represent a large consumption of timber, yet there are so many uses for it that the total annual production for the country requires 60,000,000 feet of timber, or the growth of 10,000 acres of forest land.

Besides the constant use in general packing, excelsior is in demand by upholsters of furniture and carriages, by mattress makers, occasionally for stable bedding, and by steamships to filter salt water. A richly upholstered chair and a mattress which a customer fondly supposes to be filled with hair contains nothing but excelsior beneath—possibly a layer of cotton. Thus we sit and sleep on wood as well as read wood pulp newspapers, and at the mortal end of things we are likely to repose in a coffin upholstered with a choice grade of excelsior. One New York mattress factory uses a carload a day. Teddy bears owe their rotundity to a special quality of fine excelsior.

Logs must be perfectly dry for the manufacture of excelsior. They are generally seasoned for six months in sheds and then cut into 16-inch lengths and quartered. These block are fastened in the machine and are automatically fed thereafter. A series of sharp spurs eight inches wide and placed a fraction of an inch apart, rapidly scores the surface of the block to a depth that is less than the thickness of a match. A knife follows, planing the block to the depth of the scoring, and a bunch of curly excelsior falls on travelling belt.

One excelsior machine turns out half a ton a day, and the total annual production is estimated at 25,000 carloads, averaging 15 tons each. There is not much wood left on 10,000 acres of land when the excelsior machines have had their year's rations.

Where Money Is Useless.

Now and then one hears of out of the way places where the conven-tions of life as they are understood, do not exist. One of these is where money is useless. This is Ascension Island in the Atlantic.

The Island is the property of the British Admiralty, and is governed by a Captain of the royal navy. There is no private property in land; so there are no rents, taxes, etc. The flocks and herds are public property, and the meat killed is issued in rations. So are the vegetables grown on the farms.

Here, it would seem, is real social-ism. When a fisherman catches a catch he brings it to the guard room, where it is issued by the sergeant major. The only private property is fowls and pigeons. Even the wild donkeys are under government control. They are listed on the books of the paymaster and are handed over at stock taking.

The population consists of a few bluejackets, a company of marines, and some Kroos from Sierra Leone. There a marine can do anything. The muleteer is a marine; so are the gardeners, the shepherds, the stock-men, the grooms, the masons, the carpenters, and the plumbers. Even the island trapper who gets rewards for the tails of the rats is a marine.

Diamonds Harder Than Steel.

The diamond is the hardest mineral in existence although metal tantalum, used for electric lamp filaments comes very near it. Although so hard, the diamond is very brittle, so that a sharp blow will often fracture it. But Sir William Crookes who has devoted much time during many years to the scientific study of the diamond, has shown that if a good one is placed between the steel jaws of a hydraulic press, and the pressure is applied without jerk, so as to avoid fracture due to brittle-ness, the jaws may be made to meet without the slightest injury to even the edges of the diamond, the hard steel closing around it and taking an impression of the much harder diamond just like so much wax. This experiment, no doubt, in the hands of a skilled scientist would be all right, but we would not advise readers to try it on with their diamond rings.—Tit-Bits.

What He Was Waiting For.

A mysterious stranger with lower-ed brow and menacing glare stood alongside one of the shoemaking, ex-hibits in a department store and watched the shoemaker at work. For a long time he stood there, never shifting his glance, staring steadily at the bench workman, watching him put handful after handful of tacks in his mouth and gradually empty each new load into a shoe sole. Finally a store detective became suspi-cious, and after keeping an eye on the fellow for a while went over to him and asked him what he meant by his actions. "Oh, nothing," answered the man. "I'm just waiting to see what will happen if that shoemaker should sneeze while he has a mouth-ful of tacks."—Philadelphia Record.

Improved Diamond Drill.

Australian mining men rejoice in the possession of a new diamond drill weighing only 400 pounds, while the weight of the machines now in use is three or four tons.

Ever notice that almost everyone you talk with gives you some information that isn't of any earthly use to you?

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