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Happy New Year!

Alfred Kitchen of Benton township was in town on Tuesday.

The Sunday School of St. Paul's church held their Christmas service on Monday evening.

Mrs. William Elwell, who was injured by a fall a few weeks ago, is again able to walk.

H. W. Titman who has resided here for the past four years, has decided to return to Shenandoah.

James Mills was the lucky holder of the card that drew five dollars at Townsend's on Monday.

Clinton C. Herring Esq., has been elected a director of the First National Bank.

The following letters remain in the Bloomsburg, Pa. postoffice: Mrs. G. D. Keller, Mrs. Malvin Mellick, Mr. Thomas Nevions.

"Hello Bill" was played in the Columbia Theater on Tuesday evening by an excellent company. The audience was small.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McBride of Washington D. C. are visiting relatives here. They formerly resided in Bloomsburg.

Mrs. P. K. Shultz of Central, accompanied by Dr. W. C. Shaw of Jamison City, went to Williamsport on Tuesday for an operation in the hospital.

The Rescue Fire Company had a unique Christmas tree at their house on Fifth street. It was trimmed with many kinds of vegetables instead of the usual tinsel, and attracted much attention.

T. A. Hagenbuch of Four Oak Farm, Center township, has gone extensively into the dried corn business. Last year he cured over a hundred bushels of sweet corn. His product is the best of its kind.

At a congregational meeting of the members of the Reformed church Monday night Harvey Leib was re-elected deacon and trustee, and Jacob Rhodes was re-elected elder and trustee, their terms of office having expired.

The Lewisburg Opera House was destroyed by fire on Sunday morning. The building was occupied as a theatre, Masonic Hall, offices and stores. The loss is about \$50,000.

Geo. P. Waller, son of Dr. G. P. Waller of Chadron, Neb. is the guest of Dr. D. J. Waller and family during the holidays.

He is taking a medical course in Jefferson College, Philadelphia.

Danville has decided to have a Mummer's parade, and arrangements have been made for a big time on Friday. Sheriff C. B. Ent, and C. E. Randall of Catawissa are among the Judges selected to award the prizes.

Through the aid of a trust fund, the foundation of which was laid by President James Buchanan, who was born in Franklin county, 600 Lancaster families will be supplied with coal. Since President Buchanan left money for this coal fund other Lancasterians have added to it, and today, it is large enough to warrant the purchase of 300 tons of fuel. A half-ton will be given to each worthy applicant. This work of distribution is in the hands of a Lancaster charity society.

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EARTHQUAKE KILLS MANY.

Italy the Scene of Death and Devastation.

Italy's fateful earthquake region has again suffered a visitation of death and ruin, and the cost in lives is estimated in thousands.

By a series of violent shocks early Monday morning in Sicily and in Calabria—the "toe of the boot"—cities were shattered and inhabitants awoke to find their houses falling about them. How many are buried in the ruins cannot be even approximated, but the number undoubtedly is fearfully great. Many other thousands are homeless. Messina, a city of 93,000 inhabitants, is reported half destroyed.

Catania, another seaport city of Sicily, was largely inundated by a tidal wave and there was large loss of life by drowning. In the harbor over 500 boats were swamped and a number of steamships were wrecked.

Two coast villages are reported to have disappeared.

The devastation was terrible and widespread. Telegraphic and telephonic communications were almost completely destroyed.

The earthquake centered in the volcano region which includes Stromboli and Mt. Etna. Etna is said to be in terrific eruption. Stromboli is upon an island north of Sicily.

It is estimated that over 75,000 lives were lost.

The Philadelphia Press to Tell of Asia's Awakening.

Beginning Sunday, January 3, "The Philadelphia Press" will begin publishing Frank G. Carpenter's letters on "Asia's Awakening" and the mighty changes that are taking place in the far East. Since Russia's defeat by Japan, the other side of the globe has become the world's chief news center. In order to give "The Philadelphia Press" readers all the news from the other side of the world, they have sent Mr. Carpenter to investigate all these matters in the Eastern countries, and his complete and truthful reports will appear from week to week. He will travel through Japan, from there into Korea, and then overland through Manchuria, into China, and may later go through Siam, Palestine and Turkey. His letters will be very interesting and should be read by everybody. Make sure you will get a copy every Sunday and order your copy in advance from your newsdealer or send direct to "The Philadelphia Press," Seventh and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia.

HUNTING WITH DOGS.

A petition to the State Legislature is being circulated by prominent citizens of Lycoming county asking for the enactment of a law which will make the hunting of pheasants and other birds with dogs illegal. The sportsmen believe that in a few years the pheasants and many other birds will have been exterminated from the Pennsylvania woods unless strict legislation is enacted to save them. The hunting of birds with the aid of dogs is indulged in so extensively that in a patch of woods a few hunters easily kill every bird and the species can in a very short time become extinct. From the number of signers secured to these petitions already the papers will likely go to Harrisburg bearing the names of thousands of men.

INSTRUCTION IN MUSIC.

Chas. P. Elwell announces that he will be pleased to receive all former pupils in violin and piano-torte, as well as new ones. Latest and best methods.

Terms strictly cash by the lesson or month. Address Hotel Hilday, Bloomsburg, or call up on Bell phone any afternoon between 1 and 2.

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Beware of cheap imitations.
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To Avert Blindness.

Blindness is so appalling a calamity to the individual and the maintenance of persons so cruelly disabled is so heavy a tax upon the community that the public will be startled to learn from State Health Commissioner Dixon that a very large proportion of blindness is preventable and that there is already on the statute-book a law designed to effect the prevention.

An inflammation of the eyes is very common in infants a few days after birth. If neglected or improperly treated this often results in total blindness. Mothers, midwives and nurses are often ignorant of the proper treatment, so that a large proportion of blindness beginning soon after birth is the result of ignorance and neglect. It is frightful to contemplate the lifelong misery resulting from incompetence in the care of infants.

Dr. Dixon directs the attention of health officers all over the State to a law enacted thirteen years ago requiring all midwives and nurses to notify the local health officer immediately of a case of inflammation of one or both eyes of an infant within two weeks after birth. The health officer shall at once inform the parents of the danger of this inflammation and give directions for proper treatment.

Dr. Dixon supplements this by instructing all health officers to inform the midwife or nurse what to do until the family physician can reach the case, and, if the family has no physician, to urge upon the parents the necessity of calling one at once. With this there is a prescription for a wash that may be applied to the eyes to check the inflammation until a doctor can see the case.

More than one-third of the persons admitted to the Pennsylvania School for the Blind during the past eight years lost their sight as the result of the neglect of their eyes soon after birth, and this action of Dr. Dixon ought to do much to awaken midwives, nurses and local officers to a sense of the responsibilities and the peril and even inhumanity of failing to get medical attendance immediately for young infants with inflamed eyes.

—Record.

Woman's Home Companion for January.

The current issue of this most progressive woman's publication contains two unusual art productions. At the Royal Academy last summer, a painting of Christ, entitled "Follow Me," by the hitherto unknown painter, proved to be the sensational canvas of the exhibition. So remarkable was the unusual and spiritual picture that it was at all times completely surrounded by groups of interested and reverent people. "Follow Me" is reproduced in America for the first time in the January *Woman's Home Companion*.

Howard Chandler Christy's "The Wooing of Lorna Doone," also in the January *Woman's Home Companion*, is the first of a series of love scenes from famous novels that are being painted for this magazine by the most celebrated artists of the day. Another attractive and unusual art feature consists of portraits of the "Beauties of a Thousand Years," collected all over the world for *Woman's Home Companion* by William Armstrong.

In addition to the continued stories by Anna Katharine Green, Florence Morse Kingsley and Juliet Wilbur Tompkins, there is a story by Anne Warner, entitled "Dan Rabbit, Cupid," Marie Manning's "The Scandal of the Bottle Boy," "The Pride of a Girl," by Mary Hastings, and a charming baby story, entitled "The Story of a Very Little Person," by Albert White Vorse and Mary Heaton Vorse.

Lucy Green, a seventeen-year-old girl who landed in Philadelphia one day not long ago, looking for work, with only five dollars in her pocket, relates her experiences in the Quaker City.

Everett T. Tomlinson, one of the most expert trainers of boys in America, writes on the habits of the boy.

In addition to the many special articles, there is contained in this issue a dozen complete departments, including dressmaking, by Grace Margaret Gould; cooking receipts for mid-winter receptions, by Fannie Merritt Farmer, and "Problems of the Business Girl," by Anna Steese Richardson.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Margaret S. Eves, late of Orangeville Borg, Columbia county, Pa., deceased, have been granted to J. C. Montgomery, of said town to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

J. C. MONTGOMERY, Executor.
CLINTON HERRING, Atty. Executor,
12-31-08 Orangeville, Pa.

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Tongue Built on Hope—Business, Science, Exploration and Government Would All Be Easier if There Was a Universal Speech—The Grammar of Esperanto.

Ever since the Tower of Babel, nations and men have been kept apart by a barrier of languages. Those who speak the same language find in it a bond of union closer even than the tie of race. The Dutch and Germans are far closer of kin to the English, for example, than the heterogeneous population of the United States; yet the English-speaking nations stand together, practically, in feeling and tradition, and count all others outsiders. Hungary, fighting for her own language, keeps apart from Austria in heart. The partition of Poland was emphasized by the forcing of the Russian and German tongues upon the Poles, and there has been a determined battle on the point ever since in every Polish province. In our own United States the first thing the emigrant child does is to learn English, and the process is accompanied by a marvelous Americanization.

War has sometimes made the conqueror's language dominant. Rome made Latin a world-language, as Greek had been in Alexander's day. French, a century ago, was spoken more widely than any other tongue. English to-day is the dominant language. But none is universal and all are hard to learn. The hope for language when it comes, must be easy, and must also commend itself to each nation by being, in some degree, related to its own speech.

There have been a good many attempts at it. There is no reason, really, why men should refuse a practicable world-language, and the machinery of the schools in every land of importance could easily be put at its service if each government was willing. There is nothing absurd in the notion except so far as we all think it absurd, and laugh at it.

Esperanto, of course, is a language built on hope. Anybody who knows Latin, French, Spanish or Italian can understand the name, "One Who Hopes," that far. That is the beauty of the new speech—it consists of some two thousand root words, chosen on the basis of their use by the largest number of nations. Any one who knows his own language well is already in possession, so the Esperantists maintain, of something like half the vocabulary of roots. If he knows one Teutonic language and one Latin one, he will recognize old friends in two-thirds of the root words. Unlike any language that has struggled with human stubbornness in its growth, Esperanto has no irregularities and almost no inflections, and can be learned in from two to six weeks. Its grammar can be learned in half an hour. Sir William Ramsay, a believer in it, asserts, "It is almost incredible that the whole essential grammar of a language can be given in a paragraph; but it is quite true."

Here is a sample of its simplicity. Every noun ends in o, every adjective ends in a, every adverb in e, with no exceptions. Every letter is always sounded and in one way only. Such a thing as an irregular verb is not known. Every plural ends in j (English y). The pronouns all end in i, and add n for the objective and a to become possessive—thus mi, I, mia, mine, min, me.

"Simpla, fleksebla, helsona, vere internacia en glaj elementoj, la lingvo Esperanto prezentas, al la mondo civilizita la sole veran solvon de lingvo internacia; car, tre facila por homoj memfita instruitaj, Esperanto estas komprenota sen peno de la personoj bone edukitaj."

Count Tolstoy believes in the new language. He says that in two hours he was able to read it. Max Muller, the great philologist, was an "Esperantist."

The grammar of Esperanto has been translated into twenty-eight languages and dialects. It has only twenty-four pages, including quite a large vocabulary.

It is not, however, hoped that Esperanto will become the only language. It is meant to be a second language learned by every one who wishes to communicate with those of other nationalities. Already it has been used in commerce, as an esperanto order, with an accompanying grammar "key" enclosed, printed in the language of the foreign firm addressed, can easily be deciphered and filed.

One little point will touch every one who has ever struggled with prepositions. In Esperanto all prepositions govern the nominative; and "if it is necessary to employ some preposition, and it is not quite evident from the sense which it should be, the preposition je is used, which has no definite meaning."

The ancient Greeks, one has a hazy idea, had something like this, but all other languages have gone floundering along miserably without it.

Mid-Winter Styles in Dress.

"If you are planning to have a new winter gown after the holidays," writes Grace Margaret Gould in *Woman's Home Companion* for January, "there are one or two things I want to call your attention to in regard to materials and trimmings. All the new fabrics have a sheer effect, whether they are wool or silk. Fine cashmere, which has such a wonderful luster, is reliable and a fashionable material. The chiffon broadcloths are still the vogue, and wool-satin and Henrietta cloth are desirable materials. It is unwise to select, even for a winter gown, too heavy a material. The new style of dress demands light-weight fabrics, much plain tucked net matching the material of the gown in color is used, and the marine nets braided are newer than the filets. For a gown which you wish to wear in the evening or for informal social affairs there is nothing better than the lovely new crepes, which are so soft and shimmery. Messaline and satin are still being much worn.

"In the way of colors, all of the shades of gray are in high favor and are to be recommended because of their neutral inconspicuous color. Taupe, which has an undertone of dull green, is extremely fashionable, but the woman of pale complexion should avoid it unless it is brightened up with a touch of some color which she knows is particularly becoming to her. Mole, elephant and London smoke are all good gray shades. Catawba, dregs of wine, wistaria and amethyst are fashionable shades, and Hunter's green is also in demand. In regard to the blues, which are apt to be so universally becoming, there are a number of fashionable shades. There is a tint known as Edison blue, which reminds one of Alice blue, but is darker. The blues with either a tint of green or an undertone of gray are also good style. Not in a long time has black been considered as smart as it is this year."

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Bulletin.

THE STEEL COACH-A TRAVEL SAFEGUARD.

The Pennsylvania Railroad now has in operation on its lines east of Pittsburgh over two hundred passenger coaches, dining cars, baggage cars, and mail cars of the new all-steel type.

The solid steel framework of these cars, designed to resist shock and minimize the dangers of collision, is further strengthened by the steel sheathing enclosing the body of the car. In fact, everything about the coach is steel, save the window frames, the cushions of the seats and the flooring. Such little woodwork as enters into the make-up of the coach, the plush with which the car seats are covered and the hair with which they are stuffed is treated to a fireproofing process, whilst the floors are cement, thus rendering the coach at once practically indestructible and thoroughly fireproof. It is built like a battleship.

The new coach is longer than the standard car generally in use on the railroads of this country, and has a comfortable seating capacity of sixty to ninety people according to the style of the coach.

The unusual weight of the coaches give to them a solidity that greatly increases the comfort of the passenger. The seats are adjusted to a more convenient space and angle, the coaches are all lighted with electricity and amply ventilated in winter as well as summer by new and thoroughly tested methods.

The interior finish of the coach is plain though pleasing to the eye. The absence of ornamentation enhances the idea of strength and at the same time assures absolute cleanliness and thorough sanitation.

Steel cars are now in use on the principal trains between New York, Philadelphia, Washington, and on the Main Line between Philadelphia and Pittsburg. The number of cars is constantly being increased as the finished product comes from the shops.

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