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NO PRESS NEXT WEEK.

We shall not issue the PRESS next week, reserving the old-time right to enjoy a week's vacation. The office will remain open for the transaction of business and job printing, as well as receiving new subscribers for the coming year.

New Money.

The First National Bank of Emporium, always up-to-date and studying how to please their patrons, have adopted the unique idea of paying over their counter only new money, both gold, silver and paper, during the week. We had the pleasure viewing the handsome sight—\$1,000 gold certificates down to \$100.

Big Mortgage.

A mortgage for \$9,000,000, given by the Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad Company in favor of the United States Trust Company, of New York, was recently filed in the Register and Recorder's office for recording. Register Goodnough is busy recording the lengthy document, and, as the printer would say, it is a "fat take."

A Great Sufferer.

Mrs. A. J. Siefried, who has been a great sufferer for several months, was brought from Cameron last Thursday and taken to the home of her sister, Mrs. Chas. Hout, West Sixth st., that her attending physician, Dr. H. W. Good, might give the sufferer closer attention. Mr. Siefried, her husband, is doing everything within his power to restore her help mate to health.

Senator Harrison Dead.

State Senator John T. Harrison who was nominated by the Republicans for Receiver of Taxes of Philadelphia, died at his home last Friday. He was ill only a short time.

John T. Harrison was born in England in 1849, and was brought to this country while still an infant. He served throughout the Civil war in the Eleventh Maryland volunteers and later engaged in the manufacture of hosiery. Mr. Harrison was a member of the State House of Representatives in 1891, 1893, 1895 and 1901, and was elected to the Senate in 1902.

We knew the deceased intimately and greatly respected him. Philadelphia and the Republican party loses a valuable citizen.

An Instructive Lecture.

The lecture last Friday evening, by Mr. Harvey Graeme Farby in the People's Star Course was, despite some irrelevant jibes at the audience and some futile attempts at humor, full of thoughtful and instructive matter.

The lecturer is familiar with the facts of history which he interprets in the light of scientific and Christian concepts. Our civilization, he said, is a development which owes its peculiar character and thought to the power of Christian ideals. In the Christian conception of human brotherhood we find the historic germ of a great democratic nation. The truths proclaimed by Christ prepared the way for Magna Charta, the Declaration of Rights and the Declaration of Independence.

In conclusion the lecturer pointed to some elements of danger and disturbance in our present conditions. The proper time on which to approach the solution of the race, trust, and labor problems, is by keeping true to the ideal and spirit of Christian brotherhood, which has been the guide of our progress in the past, and must be the star that will lead us through present perplexity to better things in the future.

Thirty-Five Years on Judicial Bench.

At the October election, 1863, Hon. C. A. Mayer was elected president judge of this district, then composed of Centre, Clearfield and Clinton counties and presided over his first court at the December term of the same year. Since that time Centre and Clearfield counties have become separate judicial districts and Clinton county has been added to Cameron and Elk counties forming the Twenty-fifth judicial district, over which Judge Mayer now presides. Tuesday, December 15 he could be seen sitting upon the bench in the court house in this city, disposing of legal points with his usual dispatch and quietly celebrating the 73rd anniversary of his birth and at the same time celebrating the thirty-fifth anniversary of his service on the bench. This is the longest consecutive term any judge of any district in the State has served. Judge Mayer has five years of his present term yet to serve and judging from his appearance he will serve out that time and have several years to spare to caper with the young fellows after he has rounded out his forty years on the bench.—Clinton Democrat.

Pennsylvania's Prosperous Finances.

There is no State in the Union with a financial condition in any way comparable to that of Pennsylvania. New York shows larger transactions in a year but it is heavily burdened with debt, while this State has practically none, the sinking fund being equal to all obligations. There remained in the Treasury Monday night the extraordinary sum of \$15,818,559, almost \$12,000,000 of which was in the general fund, applicable to the payment of appropriations. The total receipts for the year were \$21,000,000 including less than \$400,000, for the sinking fund, and there was a balance carried over from the previous year of nearly \$13,000,000 the net gain for the year being almost \$3,000,000, nearly all of which is from the general fund. This is an astonishing statement when it is remembered that the balance in 1899 was less than \$5,000,000, which was the average for ten years previous.

This immense sum has been raised entirely without any resort to direct taxation on real estate. The receipts come from various sources, largely from corporations and corporate stock. There is no State where the burdens of taxation are less felt, not even in New Jersey, where the people live off the taxation of the trusts. The balance now in the State Treasury is drawing interest, and the sinking fund will this year have a net balance to its credit beyond the total obligations of the Commonwealth. This is a condition which no other State can equal, and it certainly is a justification of the policy of the Republican party, which has paid off a debt of more than \$40,000,000 and has increased the revenues from less than \$4,000,000 to the present magnificent total. This State spends nearly \$3,000,000 a year on the public schools, and is now building out of current receipts what will be the finest State Capitol in the country, a work of art as well as a useful structure.

Large as were the appropriations by the last Legislature, it is evident that there will be a handsome surplus when it meets again, and there will be many agencies for good which it can establish without danger of a deficit.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Farmers' Institute.

The attention of our farmers is called to the list of institutes, to be held in this county this winter, by the State Department of Agriculture, assisted by the local board of institute managers for the county. These meetings are in the interest of all our farmers, and open to all. The expenses of conducting them is bore by the State. No collections are allowed or the advertising of any business. The discussions are upon farm topics for the benefit of farmers. Arrange your business so as to attend to take part in the exercises. All classes of citizens are welcome, and interesting programmes have been prepared.

The county chairman is W. H. Howard, of Emporium, Pa., who will be glad to send programmes or information to any one who will make the request.

The State Speakers who will be present are: Robt S. Seeds, of Birmingham, Huntingdon, Co., Pa., and C. D. Northrop, of Elkland, Tioga, Co., Pa.

The institutes will be held at the following dates and places: Jan. 19th and 20th, 1904, at Emporium, and Jan. 21st at Driftwood. Come out to these meetings and bring your families and friends.

James Mundy Dead.

James Mundy, aged about 43 years died at the Austin Hospital this (Thursday) morning about ten o'clock. Death was caused by pneumonia. Before being taken down with his fatal illness Mr. Mundy met with an accident from the effects of which he had not fully recovered at the time of his death. In his home at Hulls where he ran a hotel, in starting down stairs he tripped and fell the full length of the staircase and was quite seriously injured.

Mr. Mundy was born in Emporium and was a worker in the woods in this vicinity before Austin existed as anything but timberland.

In the early days of Austin he worked on the log and spike trains, but of later years he has been engaged in the hotel business. He was married August 25, 1899 to Miss Esther Boyington, of Wellsville. He was probably one of the best known men in this part of Potter.

Mr. Mundy leaves a widow and two brothers, John and Charles, and Mary Ellen, of Emporium.—Austin Republican.

Pipes, briar and mereschau, suitable for Holiday presents at John Cruice's Cigar Store.

Christmas Greeting.

The years are going by with a steady, resistless sweep that no human power, whether of brain or hand, has ever been able to check or stay. There is a final period set to the continuance of all sublunary things, and sooner or later the point is reached at which our plans, our plans and our positions become the legitimate subjects of a change as invincible as the diameter of a sphere.

Since it is true that our stay in this world is limited, and our opportunities for doing good are passing and will not tarry to suit our convenience or our moods, it is therefore just as true that we should live above that selfishness which refuses to others that measure of kindness that makes life's pathway smooth and the sky bright.

All seasons are alike propitious for doing good, because all seasons have their sufferings; but there are special times when it is, indeed, "More blessed to give than receive." The season of Christmas festivities will have dawned upon us before another issue of the PRESS shall have come to your homes. Permit us, then, to express our gratitude for the many acts of kindness which the old paper has received from the people in the very many years of toil and struggle and triumphs through which it has passed to the present, now.

We do not intend to weary you with a long article, as we certainly should were we to write what is in our heart to-night. We will leave that part of the work for others, and confine ourself to the performance of a plain and important duty.

Let us not forget, in the midst of unnumbered blessings, those who are less favored than we have been since the Christmas bells were rung one year ago, and let us, as far as we are able, endeavor to make some heart and home brighter and happier by our helping hands. The fact that we have made some burden lighter and some path a little smoother will make our Christmas dinner taste better.

We hope that every table in Emporium and Cameron county, in fact every PRESS reader, will be supplied with one brown, tender and juicy turkey, and that every little stocking and big stomach will be filled to repletion. To the patrons of the PRESS, and all others, we wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Christmas Eve Prayer



Latest Popular Music.
Miss May Gould, teacher of piano-forte, has received a full line of the latest and most popular sheet music. All the popular airs. Prices reasonable. 44-1f.

Dance Christmas Evening.
T. L. Wheaton wishes to announce to the public that he will give a public dance at Sizerville Hotel, Christmas evening, Dec. 25th. The public cordially invited. Dance tickets, ten cents.

License Court.
License court was held at Emporium on Monday, Judges Mayer and Associates Walker and McDonald presiding. All licenses were granted, except the following: Wm. Hathaway, re fused; Jas. B. Hayes, Harry McGee, Dan'l McCormick and Peter Shoup held for future decision. The Judge delivered himself in plain language to those applicants to whom the court granted licenses warning them (as has been done many times before) that violations would be severely dealt with.

Severely Burned.
Mr. Daniel Ericsson, chemist employed at Keystone Powder works, met with a serious and painful accident, Monday morning. While carrying two glass jars of acid he attempted to cross a small stream of water on a plank or slab. The slab rolled, throwing him to the ground. Some of the acid entered his left eye and onto his hands, causing great pain. Supt. Geo. W. VanWert hurried the chemist to Dr. Good's office for treatment. While his eye is in a very serious condition it is hoped the sight may be saved.

Ex-Congressman Dead.
Hon. R. J. C. Walker, died at Philadelphia last Friday, aged 85 years. When a resident of Williamsport he represented the old 16th district in Congress. He leaves a wife.

Choice line of five and ten cent Cigars, especially for our Holiday trade. Leave orders early. Union made.

JOHN CRUICE.

Finger Pinched.
Julius Skinner, a lad fifteen years of age, while working at a shell machine in Climax shell room, lost the tip end of the index finger of left hand. Dr. Good dressed the injury and the young man can now view the shop windows until after Christmas.

Special Jury Court.
There will be a special jury court for Cameron county, to be held Monday, Feb. 22d. This will be the first jury court convened in over twenty months, although the attorneys claim they have suffered by the lack of same. Four prisoners and, we understand, several important cases await trial.

Baptist Church.
Morning Subject: "The Infantile Telegraph of Love." In the evening the Pastor will preach from a text in a way descriptive of Emporium, and in closing will ring out the patriotism it contains. Public most cordially invited to attend the services.

Colored paper, suitable for Christmas chains at Press office.

WEATHER REPORT.
(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)
THURSDAY, Fair.
FRIDAY, Fair.
SATURDAY, Rain and Snow.

20 PAGES.

BRIEF MENTION.

Everybody reads the PRESS.
McClure, Phillips & Co., will publish, during the month, a book on "The Lyceum and Henry Irving," by Austin Bereton.

The most welcome Christmas present to your absent friends would be a receipt for a year's subscription to the PRESS. Drop us a postal—we'll do the rest.

People who care to know how a practical naturalist lives and works should read "Our Naturalist at Home," which is the story of the daily life of a lover of animals and birds, and appears in the Woman's Home Companion for January.

July 1st William Weeks, of Jersey Shore, had his right foot nearly severed, causing lockjaw and eventually death. Five weeks later the wife died of blood poisoning and last week their infant child died from an operation for spinal trouble.

Mr. Henry Irving has himself taken a keen personal interest in the book, and has lent the use of a great part of his valuable collection of lyceum mementos. An edition de luxe will be printed on Japan vellum, and will contain the original autograph of Sir Henry Irving and Ellen Terry.

Noah was the first man to advertise. He advertised the flood and it came all right. The fellows who laughed at the advertising got drowned and it served them right. Ever since Noah's time the advertiser has been prosperous, while the other fellow has been swallowed up in the flood of disaster.—[Ex.]

Wm. Murray, another member of the Bennett Moulton Stock Company, died at the Bradford hospital Thursday. This is the second death from typhoid fever in the company. The disease was contracted while the company was playing at Butler a few weeks ago. Three of their members were stricken while playing in Bradford, two of them dying, and two more were stricken at Titusville.

Mr. Bereton is one of the best authorities on the history of the English stage, and also a close friend of Henry Irving. He has been able to unearth matters of great interest, and his history of the "Lyceum" will contain much that is unknown and heretofore unpublished. It will be a complete history of the theatre from its earliest phrases up to the time of the last appearance of Henry Irving, and it will be illustrated with unique portraits of the actors in their various costumes, etc.

A plainer truth was never told: An unlimited credit system is demoralizing to all kinds of business. When the merchants and all others insist upon frequent settlements the hard times complaint will not be so frequently heard in the land. When the business man gives unlimited credit to Tom, Dick and Harry they are not only damaging their own business standing, but they are crippling all allied business to a more or less degree. An unlimited credit system is the bane of any community.

Christmas at the Churches.
M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL.
Christmas Exercises at M. E. Church Christmas night at 6.30 o'clock:

PROGRAM.
Voluntary, - - - - Orchestra.
Singing, "Message of Christmas Time," Pg. 166, School.
Prayer, - - - - Pastor.
Singing, "The King of Glory," Pg. 58, School.
Recitation, "Santa Clause," Fred Strayer.
Duet, "Because He Loves Us," Grace Halderman, Olive Ellis.
Recitation, "When Christmas Bells Ring Out," Kate Metzger.
Solo, "The First Christmas Eve," Helen Welsh.
Singing, "The Little Christ Asleep," Primary Dept.
Recitation, "Stolen Stockings," Chas Cumberford.
Chorus, "Santa Clause is Coming,"
Recitation, "Letter to Santa," Mark Ellis.
Recitation, "Through the Telephone," Clark Metzger.
Chorus, "Hunting for Santa."
Fine line of smoking tobacco as well as popular brands of chewing, at Cruice's Cigar Store.