

MESSAGE FROM BURGESS.
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The Council have any spare money, they cannot do better than to continue grading and putting in stone gutters to carry the water off the hill, but before grading any more of the streets a large drain should be put in from the corner of Fourth and Maple streets to reach the culvert under the railroad on Maple street.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

This department has increased our taxes about \$1,500.00 per year but it has been such an improvement to our town and such a convenience to our people that they gladly pay their share.

SEWERS.
The Trunk line sewer is not quite large enough to carry off the water that goes into it from the roofs of houses at the time of heavy rains, and that enters it from the ground. Not only during the ice floods this winter, but at the time of the high water of 1903, the water and filth backed up into cellars all along Fourth street as far west as Vine street. The Council should appoint a Committee to have a survey made of the creek below the outlet of the sewer, to see if its course could be changed and the bed lowered to prevent the water backing into the sewer. If at all feasible, the work should be done this year, as it would be a great saving to the health and wealth of our people, and no doubt a subscription could be raised to cover one-half this expense. The sewer down Broad Street should be lowered so as to accommodate properties on Second Street.

Begging your careful attention to the foregoing suggestions and assuring you of my heartiest co-operation in your work, I am,

Respectfully yours,
JOSHUA HOWARD

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The Pennsylvania State College.

The Electrical Engineering Society held a banquet at Harrison's restaurant, Wednesday evening, March 2. Articles of engineering interest were discussed, followed by refreshments and a general good time.

The Creamery students left for home Wednesday, March 2, on which day the Creamery Course ended. The Short Course in Agriculture ends with the close of the winter term of College.

J. D. Elder, of Elder's Ridge, one of the Commencement speakers, has been chosen valedictorian by the Senior class.

The Beta Theta Pi fraternity held a dance at their chapter house, Friday night, March 4.

R. L. Streeter has resigned his position as assistant in the Mechanical Engineering Department to enter the employ of the Oldsmobile Co., Detroit, Mich. His place has been filled by D. S. Fowler, '03, who since his graduation has been employed in the car shops at Berwick.

A basetball game was played in the Armory Friday night, March 4, with the Altoona Athletic Association. The score was 59 3 in favor of State.

Messrs. Bomberger and Feaster macher of the Senior Electrical Section are making a life test of fourteen or fifteen prominent American makes of incandescent lamps. The test will continue to the close of the College year next June.

What Women Once Couldn't Wear.

While we may pick and choose and do exactly as we please about our clothes, there have been in times gone by, in many countries and even in our own, what were known as "sumptuary laws." These laws regulated expenditure for dress, for ornament, for food or for whatever refreshments you might give company when they came to take tea.

Among the first of these sumptuary laws was one made in Rome in 215 B. C. and called the "Oppian law." It declared that no woman should possess more than half an ounce of gold, wear a dress of different colors or ride in a vehicle in the city or within a mile of it except on occasions of public religious ceremonies. This law lasted only twenty years.

Italy and France are the countries where most of these laws have been passed, and some of them read very strangely. In 1330, in Italy, no woman was allowed to wear a dress with figures painted on it; she could only have them embroidered. And in 1348, in the same country, neither dark green nor black dresses were allowed to be worn in the morning.—St. Nicholas.

An Arab Spy Outwitted.

Once at least in Egypt the loss of his eye in an earlier campaign proved a great service to Lord Wolseley and his army. He could get no information of the enemy's strength or position. An Arab was captured prowling around our outposts and was brought before him. It was ten to one the sullen fellow knew everything. Lord Wolseley questioned him. The fellow answered never a word, standing stolid between the two soldiers. At last a happy idea struck the general. He said in Arabic: "It is no use your refusing to answer me, for I am a wizard and at a wish can destroy you and your masters. To prove this to you I will take out my eye, throw it up, catch it and put it back in my head." And, to the horror and amazement of the fellow, Lord Wolseley took out his glass eye, throw it up, caught and replaced it. That was enough. The Arab capitulated, and the information he gave the staff led to Arab's defeat.—London Globe.

A Hidden Warning.

It is recorded in history that when Darius, king of Persia, invaded Scythia the ruler of the latter country, Idanthuras, sent him a message consisting of a mouse, a frog, a bird, an arrow and a plow. The wisest men in the army puzzled over the meaning of it, which was conjectured to be that the empire was surrendered. It was supposed that the mouse signified the dwellings, the frog the waters, the bird the air, the arrow the arms and the plow the land.

But it turned out eventually that the interpretation intended was that unless Darius and his soldiers could fly like birds, burrow like mice or betake themselves like frogs to the water they would never escape the weapons of the Scythians and make their way out of the country.

Why They Waited.

A story is told which couples the names of Princess Mathilde and the great painter Gerome. The princess and the painter had both been invited to a dinner party. The princess arrived punctually; the painter tarried until long after the dinner hour was past. The guests concealed their impatience as best they could, until at last the princess suddenly said: "Why, I nearly forgot. Only this morning I received a telegram from Gerome, who is in Spain. He is unable to come tonight." "But why did you not tell us before, princess?" cried all the guests together. "Because I was not yet hungry."

Old English Customs.

Sir Walter Besant's study of old English customs shows that the doctors of several centuries ago prescribed for fevers "a cold water affusion" with drinking of asses' milk. When the queen was ill in 1603 they shaved her head and applied pigeons to her feet. Powdered mummy for a long time was considered to be a specific against diseases. It is said that the reason it went out of use was that dealers took to embalming bodies and then sold them for genuine ancient mummies.

The Birth of the Opal.

There is a beautiful little story told about the opal, that delicate stone which you have no doubt seen in rings and bracelets. The story is that the opal was long ago promised to anybody who could discover it. It lay hidden away, so the old fortune tellers used to say, at the place "where the sunlight and the moonlight joined" each other, and whoever could find that spot would be rewarded by a quantity of large, beautiful opals. After a long search for the place "where the sunlight and moonlight joined" each other the place was found by a Spanish traveler, who followed up the rays of the setting sun, and when he had reached the end of the last ray he waited until the moonbeams shone upon the earth, and there he found the opals. They are said to be very lucky stones for those who are born in the fall of the year and very unlucky for those born in the spring. Of course it is only a saying that these are lucky or unlucky, but the rest of the story is true, as you will believe if you look in the heart of an opal and see the pink tints of the sun and the blue rays of the moon nesting in the middle of it.

Squelching a Bore.

One of the famous Rothschilds was once entertaining at dinner a distinguished party. The dinner went on admirably. Nothing marred the general enjoyment save the silly loquacity of one young man. This young man insisted on monopolizing the conversation. He insisted on talking about himself—about his books, his works, his love affairs, his automobile. Finally he jumped to his feet.

"By Jove!" he said. "I must show you my new cuff buttons. I got them this morning. They are malachite." And he passed from one guest to another, exhibiting the buttons. "Malachite," he kept repeating—"genuine malachite."

Baron Rothschild watched the young man's progress with a faint sneer. When the buttons reached him he touched them with his finger superciliously and drawled: "Ah, malachite, eh? It is a handsome stone. I have always liked it. I have a mantelpiece of it in the next room."

Mommens on Languages.

The German historian, Professor Theodor Mommsen, was noted for the facility with which he acquired languages. The tongues of modern Europe as well as the classics were to him not studies, but the familiar tools of his daily work. An American reporter who was interviewing him some years ago asked to have a certain reference put into English, as he did not read German well.

"Not read German well? And you a journalist?" exclaimed the savant. "I do not see how it is possible. Young man, German is one of the four necessities for a student. The other three are English, French and Italian. Without them you can never know the tendency of modern thought. If you have them not, do not rest until you have learned them all."

Training a Horse.

The horse is a logical and therefore a teachable animal. Once convince him that a locomotive or any other object of terror is not really dangerous and he will never shy at it again. Every year accidents occur because the harness breaks or the vehicle upsets, and then the horse runs away. But such accidents are unnecessary. Any horse can, with a little pains, be taught to hold back a carriage by his hind quarters as well as by the breeching. To have wheels come off and straps and other things hitting his legs should be a part of every colt's education.—Country Life in America.

Herbert Spencer's Oddities.

Herbert Spencer hated clocks which strike, especially out of door clocks. When staying in lodgings in a Berkshire village he sent a request to the owner of the principal house there that the stable clock, which struck the hours, might be stopped. He was not a good companion to go out for a drive with, as, if he did not feel well, he would ascertain how fast his pulse was beating and if it was not satisfactory would instantly give the order to return home.

Siam's Sacred Elephants.

Curious ceremonies are witnessed in Siam when one of the sacred white elephants dies. It is given a funeral grander than that accorded to prince of royal blood. Buddhist priests officiate, and thousands of devout Siamese men and women follow the deceased animal to the grave. Jewels and offerings representing small fortunes are buried with the elephant.

A Grewsome Collection.

At the prison of St. Paul, at Lyons, France, there is a curious collection of pens. They are the pens with which the executioners have signed the regulation receipts for the prisoners handed over to them to be executed. At each execution a fresh pen is used for the purpose, and the ink is left to dry upon it.

The Explorer.

Ingenuity, facility—that quality, by whatever name it may be called, which enables its possessor to do the right thing at the right moment and in all sorts of unexpected circumstances—is one of the indispensable qualities of a man who would be an explorer.

Dry Goods.

Biflins—He labeled that box "Dry Goods." Mifflins—What was in it? Bifflins—A bound volume of the Congressional Record.—Baltimore News.

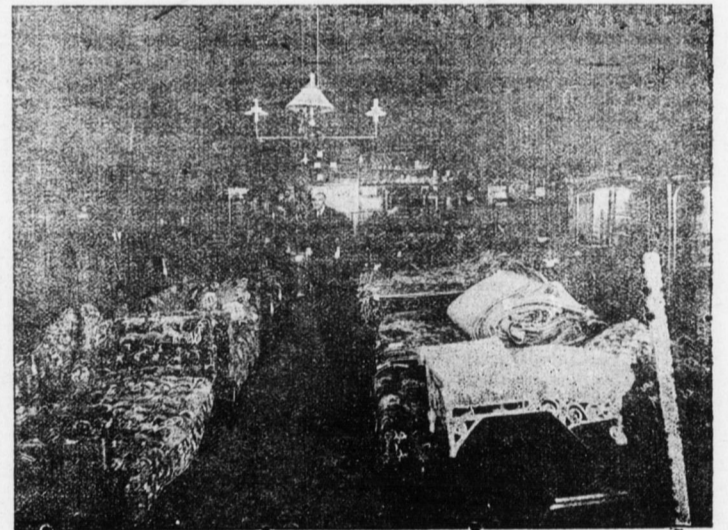
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Here are one hundred fine styles of handsome Ginghams, very newest color combinations in stripes, checks and plaids. All fine, smooth fabrics at 12c and 18c a yard.

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