

### Man About Town.

There are people in town who would kick on the quality of a free lunch.

We heard Parker Jackson remark to a Pittsburg drummer:  
'Twas a Jack pot he was in,  
He hadn't the slightest doubt;  
He was in it for a minute,  
Then was ten dollars out.

The ground-hog don't seem to be the only hog hereabouts.

We find some people who say the world is good enough for them. They know they will catch it in the next.

The consensus of opinion is that there is not much difference between the smell of the man who smokes cigarettes and the man who traps skunks.

Chickens are considered the most devout of all fowls—a good many of them go in to the ministry.

A good many girls in town imagine they are pretty, when the face on them, well—look at your watch when you pass them and see if it has not stopped.

Our Evangelical friend remarks, at the judgment day, money will be as filthy rags, wise men will become fools and rich men beggars. Keep your money in circulation brethren and come down to our church and

Get yourself to working,  
In the halloo rank;  
Trouble may be brewing,  
On Jordan's stormy banks;  
Sing the old time anthems,  
Don't sing nothing new;  
In the sweet fields of Eden,  
There is rest for you.

Peter Beattie says he has circumnavigated everything squeezable and don't think he is much of a back number now.

We are told that wealth is full of poris. Give us the wealth and we will face the perils.

Money talks but somehow we don't have it long enough to understand what it says.

One of our neighbors remarked the other day that when they had company at his house it always looked as though outsiders got much better fare than he did.

Time flies so fast as we grow older. It seems as though we had our Sunday clothes on all the time.

A sign in one of our powder offices reads, "powder for sale, face, bug and gun."

An Emporium clothing store has a sign: "500 pairs of pants for sale, seats free, \$1.50 each—\$3.00 a pair.

Riley Warner and Billy Loudon will tell "hoss stories" to-morrow evening for the benefit of Uncle Peter Beattie's Sunday school class.

A hymn sang into a phonograph by a Canoe Run woman, has been played at her funeral. The time will surely come when deceased women can see whether their shrouds fit them or not.

A lady asked Henry Zarps if he didn't think a little baby was sweet. Yes, said Henry, but a baby's 18 year old sister is sweeter.

A man up West Creek during the winter fed his hens Indian meal mixed with sawdust. He set a dozen of their eggs a few weeks ago and they hatched six chickens and six wood peckers.

Yesterday was the 436th anniversary of the death of John Guttenberg, the inventor of printing. History says he was a true printer. He died penniless.

The Shriners who sang the old song, "The Darby Ram" on the way to Erie the other morning, should cultivate their voices. The conductor said it was "just scandalous."

Mayor Overhiser as soon as inaugurated will send to the council an ordinance prohibiting honey bees from flying through the streets.

Every man has his price but ye editor generally tosses up a penny to see if in payment for personal notices he shall take honor flattery or cold cash.

Any man can lie but it takes practice to be a professional.

### Crescent Literary Society

Entertainment in the High School Room, March 2, at 7:30 p. m. The public generally and all teachers and officers of the schools especially, are invited to attend. Children below the grammar school grades will not be admitted unless accompanied by their parents.

**THE PROGRAMME.**  
Chorus.....  
Recitation.....Mary Farrell  
Piano Duett, Katie Kraft and Marguerite Metzger  
Reading.....Mary Welsh  
Dialogue, Belle Cleary, Laura Hout, Hilda Hertig,  
Rachel Day, Mildred McQuay, Rose Pyle,  
Mollie Spence.  
Piano Solo.....Vera Olmsted  
Essays.....Jennie Robinson  
Recitation.....Jane Glenn  
Paper.....Edna Palmer, Vera Geary  
Recitation.....Ida Hertig

### President Roosevelt Again to the Rescue.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—President Roosevelt has again intervened as a peace maker between the coal miners and operators. As a result of a letter addressed by him to John Mitchell, a national convention of the United Miners will be held March 15 to try to reach an agreement with the soft coal operators in the hope of averting the threatened strike of April 1st in the bituminous coal fields.

The President's letter and the announcement that the national convention would be called were made public to night by Mr. Mitchell, after a long conference with Francis L. Robbins, president of the Pittsburg Coal Company, and chairman of the bituminous operators, who came to New York this morning. Also present at this conference were W. C. Perry of the Southern Coal Association and J. A. Bush, representing the soft coal interests allied with the Gould railroads.

### SOCIETY NOTES.

**EVENING WHIST.**  
Last Friday evening Hon. and Mrs. Josiah Howard delighted a large number of friends, by inviting them to accept their hospitality for the evening. Their large and spacious residence, elegantly adapted for such affairs, was the scene of a merry party of "whist friends"—so common and enjoyable in Emporium. Just thirty games were played—we have some expert whist players—when the bell tolled the finale. Mrs. W. H. Howard and Mrs. Henry Auchu were awarded the lady prizes, being a silver belt buckle and silver watch fob. Mr. B. W. Green captured first prize and was awarded a pair of gold cuff links, while C. Jay Goodnough came in for second prize and now carries his stogies in a handsome pocket cigar case. The evening was indeed a happy and enjoyable occasion, the guests being entertained in a very hospitable manner by the genial hostess and her husband. The large dining room accommodated the guests, while elegant refreshments were served. All favors were emblematical of Washington, cherries and tree. Those who enjoyed the hospitality were:

Mrs. Bissel and Mr. Cavy, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kaye, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Auchu, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Green, Hon. and Mrs. I. K. Hockley, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Blum, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Judd, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Goodnough, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Metzger, Jr., Miss Nellie Mullin, Westboro, Wis., and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Mullin.

### AFTERNOON WHIST.

Mrs. Charles Seger entertained about thirty-five lady friends last Thursday-afternoon, in honor of Washington's birthday, their handsome new home being nicely decorated in national colors, the favors being also in red, white and blue, even a stem of cherries from the original and famous cherry tree was attached to each score card. Miss Lena Coyle (niece of hostess) dressed in Continental costume, with powdered hair, acted as usher. The pleasant affair was enjoyed by the following:

Messdames Henry Auchu, B. W. Green, Josiah Howard, C. J. Goodnough, Wm. Gerrits, W. H. Howard, Fred Reick, T. F. Moore, Geo. Metzger, Jr., J. D. Logan, H. H. Mullin, G. F. Bacon, Laura Bryan, F. T. Beers, J. P. McNarney, R. A. Eick, Ida Cavy, F. G. Judd, A. D. Macdonnell, Ralph Smutz, Lizzie Hinkle, I. K. Hockley, G. S. Allen, Chas. W. Shaffer, E. E. Forbes, Geo. P. Jones, A. F. Andrews, Misses Etta Wiley, May Gould, Byrde Taggart and Rose Ritchie.

After playing twenty or more games, Mrs. W. H. Howard and Mrs. A. D. Macdonnell were awarded the prizes, china dishes, as mementos of the occasion. A dainty lunch was served.

### Severely Burned.

Harry Goodrich, employed as acid blower at Keystone Powder works, was severely burned about the face and head last Monday morning. He was hurried to Dr. Falk's office for treatment. His injuries are not dangerous. Mr. Goodrich has but recently returned from the Philippines, after serving with Uncle Sam.

## Another Close Call for Emporium

This morning while at work in the yard at this place, the usual carelessness was displayed. An engine running backwards, and at a high rate of speed, crashed into a car loaded with dynamite, driving the tender halfway into the same. Other cars loaded with dynamite stood near and what prevented a terrible explosion cannot be accounted for. Surely something must be done at once before hundreds of lives are lost. The idea of our people allowing cars loaded with explosives to be brought into town and banged around for several days by careless employees has gone far enough. Plenty of side track outside the borough limits to stand cars loaded with explosives. The proper place for them.

### To Arrest the Educators.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 24.—Health Commissioner Samuel G. Dixon, acting for the State Department of Health, will at once prosecute a number of teachers in different parts of the State who have absolutely refused to comply with the vaccination law, and who in defiance of this law are admitting unvaccinated children to their schools. The attorneys for the Departments have all their evidence in hand for a number of these cases.

Commissioner Dixon has also arranged to secure evidence in all other cases where the law has been violated. In addition to teachers, proceedings are to be taken against School Directors and others who have conspired to have the law defied.

### Religious Services at the Mines.

Rev. J. M. Robertson, Rector of Emporium Emmanuel Episcopal Church, held services at Cameron Mines school house last Sunday afternoon, about thirty persons being present at the services. Hon. Josiah Howard accompanied the Rector. The place has evidently met with favor for we hear talk of erecting a union church at the Coke Ovens, or rather Canoe Run, the project being encouraged by Mr. Howard, which means substantial assistance from this progressive and liberal citizen, especially when the welfare of our county and its people is effected.

### Wake Up Emporium.

What does Emporium propose to do in relation to paving Fourth street, now that suitable material can be purchased almost at our door? The state will defray three-fourths of the cost and the tax-payers surely can stand one-fourth the expense. With a fair assessed valuation of Emporium we could easily bear the burden. Let us hear from some of our property owners—our columns are open.

### What's in McClure's.

There is a good deal in the March McClure's that you don't want to miss. Miss Ida M. Tarbell's "Commercial Machiavellianism" brings home the lax morals that have built up great corporations and business houses, showing how the axioms of Machiavelli's "Prince," although pretty strong even for Italy of the Medici, form the catechism of the modern captain of industry. Ray Stannard Baker continues his veil-lifting series, "The Railroads on Trial," devoting the current number to the formation of public opinion by the law-breaking railroads and shippers; disclosing as neat and clever and complicated a piece of underhanded machinery as ever you heard of. Anthony Fiala concludes his accounts of "Five Years in the Arctic" with the story of the separation of the party, the last advance north in the darkness, the final surrender and the arrival of the relief ship. Many of the photographs in this instalment are even more remarkable than those in the February number. Clara Morris has a charming bit of stage recollection, "Looking Backward," in which she tells how she saw Henry Irving for the first time while she was hunting a leading man for Mr. Daly.

The March number is unusually strong in good fiction. The poems, which balance the number are: "The Crocus" by Herbert Trench; "Beyond the Spectrum" by Florence Wilkinson; "The Marionettes" by Witter Bynner; "In the Night," by Paul Kester; and "A Song," by A. E. Housman.

### Lenodochy Club.

This popular social club closed the season last Monday evening with an enjoyable hop and luncheon. It is expected and hoped the club will resume their pleasant entertainments at the close of the Lenten season. Their dances have been orderly affairs and conducted on a high order.

WANTED—Bright, honest young man from Emporium to prepare for paying position in Government Mail Service. Box One, Cedar Rapids, Ia. 47-81.

### Handsome Monuments.

One of the handsomest memorials in Newton cemetery has just been placed to the memory of George Howard and family. It is in the form of a Celtic cross standing over 13 feet high, made of Pink Westerly, R. I., Granite. This was finished and completed by Foley Bro's Co., the Olean, N. Y., Monumental dealers. This firm has just placed a neat and substantial monument on the lot of Mrs. C. H. Sage to the memory of her husband. Also monuments for Mr. R. Fountain, W. A. Sprung, and Mr. J. A. Montgomery—the latter monument being set in St. Marys, Pa.

### The Kryl Company.

With the Bohumin Kryl Company the People's Star Course, for the season of 1905-06 closed on Wednesday night. Mr. Kryl is a great artist. His solos were marvels of tone production, exhibiting in a wonderful way the capabilities of his instrument and giving pleasure, in an unwonted degree to the admirers of his art. Miss Roberts, for rare naturalness, distinct enunciation and contagious humor is one of the best readers appearing here this season, and will be so remembered by the patrons of the Star Course.

### Masquerade Party.

Miss Vera Olmsted and Miss Ethel Day gave a masquerade party at the home of Miss Olmsted last Thursday evening. About twenty guests were present, all in masked costumes. Refreshments were served and a very enjoyable time was had.

### Entertained the Vestrymen.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Howard entertained the members of Emmanuel Episcopal Church Vestry at six o'clock dinner, last Saturday evening. Of course the good things to eat were gotten up in Mrs. Howard's usual elegant manner.

### Hotel Improvements.

While paying mine host Michael Murphy a visit on Tuesday we found him heels over head in trouble, with the painters and decorators. F. H. Pearsall was the artist. The old Commercial is now ready for the spring patronage.

### Dr. A. W. Baker.

Dr. Baker will be at the New Warner Friday afternoon and evening, March 2nd and 3rd.

### Tax Appeal.

The tax appeals will be held Monday the 12th day of March at the Court House.

### Good Safe For Sale.

R. Seger offers for sale at a bargain a good office safe.

### Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Itch, Ring Worm, Herpes, Barbers, Itch.

All of these diseases are attended by intense itching, which is almost instantly relieved by applying Chamberlain's Salve, and by its continued use a permanent cure may be effected. It has, in fact, cured many cases that had resisted other treatment. Prices 25 cents per box. For sale by L. Taggart, J. E. Smith, Sterling Run; Crum Bros., Sinnamahoning.

### Had It Bad.

HAINES CITY, Fla.  
Philips Drug Co., Warren, Pa.  
Dear Sirs,—December 25, 1901, was taken with what physicians pronounced MUSCULAR RHEUMATISM.

I had it bad. I took as I thought, every known remedy, paid out enough money anyhow. I was entirely helpless for nearly eighteen months; about that time saw your ad in The National Tribune; sent for a bottle, then sent for another, then another; and now I am out of the medicine business entirely. I give Crocker's Rheumatic Remedy the credit of curing me. I can heartily recommend it. R. C. Dodson.  
21 Dec 3m. I. F. Tower.

### Emmanuel Church.

Celebration of the Holy Communion next Sunday at the mid-day service. Lenten services as follows: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 4:15 o'clock in the Parish house, Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7:30 o'clock in the church.

Certainly Emporium is a hospitable town and all enter into innocent amusements with a will and have a good time—not extravagant and wasteful but just a good, jolly time. Now, that the Lenten season is upon us many will turn their thoughts, for a time, to other matters of a more enduring nature.

### Pushing the Work.

Contractor J. W. Kriner, assisted by his brother-in-law, Mr. H. H. Ness, of Harrisburg, have a large crew of men at work remodeling and rebuilding the Walker block, recently gutted by fire. Judging from the substantial "T" iron girders being put in position the building will be safe when the new third story is added.

"A Little Down and A Little A Month," will bring you a dandy piano from the Bennett Co's factory sale.

THE WEATHER.  
FRIDAY, Rain. SATURDAY, Fair.  
SUNDAY, Fair.

ASSETS  
**First National Bank,**  
EMPORIUM, PA.  
At the close of business February 28, 1905.  
**\$756,172.11.**

Do not leave money in the house or store. It may be lost, stolen or destroyed. Bring or send it to this Bank, where you can get it when you want it.

### The Observer.

The assertion is frequently made that the school curricula of the present day are so overcrowded with studies that the pupils of our grammar and high schools are less proficient in such simple matters as spelling and arithmetic than were the school children of half a century ago, when little was taught besides the traditional three R's. A recent investigation made in Springfield, Massachusetts, shows that this assertion is not warranted by the facts.

A few years ago, a bound volume was found in the garret of the old high school in Springfield, which contained spelling tests and examination questions, with answers, of the year 1844. Recently this volume was brought to the attention of Mr. Riley, the principal of the grammar school, and he at once proceeded to apply these tests to the grammar school pupils. Had he wished to be absolutely fair to the present day schools, he would have applied the tests to the second year pupils of the high school, or at least to the freshmen. The odds were therefore in favor of the pupils of 1844.

The tests of 1846 were applied originally to 85 pupils; the same tests were applied in 1905 to 245 pupils. In 1846 the percentage of correct spelling was 40.6, as against 51.2 in 1905. In 1846 the percentage of correct answers in arithmetic was 29.4, as against 65.5 in 1905. There were twenty words in the spelling test. In 1846, only fifteen of the eighty-five pupils passed the seventy per cent mark in spelling. Two pupils did not spell a single word correctly; nine had only nine right; more than one fourth of the class misspelled seventeen or more words.

Mr. Ossian H. Lang, to whom we are indebted for a detailed account of this investigation in the current number of the Forum, says that the chief point in the result is "that the Springfield schools are doing better work and accomplishing better results to-day than they did sixty years ago in the very studies which then comprised the whole programme, while to-day they are only a portion of it. What is true of Springfield may safely be accepted as applicable to the whole country. The enriched curricula of the elementary schools have not reduced one iota the possibility of producing as good results in three R's to-day as have been attained at any time in the past. The spelling of our grandfathers and grandmothers was no less fearfully and wonderfully made, on the average, than that of their descendants."

Perhaps, though, there is another side to the question, which must not be left out of the account. President Faunce of Brown University says that "it is the general conviction of college teachers that, while the freshmen to-day know more than their fathers did at the same age, they are inferior to their fathers in logical strength, in power of concentration, and in the faculty of sustained thought." The pupils of 1856 did not do badly in their post school life.

Mr. Riley himself observes: "Among those who were most successful in the tests were two boys who are still living in Springfield. One has been mayor of the city; the other is a leader in business life. Some of the girls and boys who failed in spelling became leaders as well. One girl, who attempted only four of the eight examples, and had them all wrong, became an honored member of the Springfield school board. A boy who missed 19 of the 20 words, and who solved only three of the eight examples correctly became president of a bank. His life as a citizen was truly noble, and at his death his city paid unusual honor to his memory. Another boy is to-day at the head of a bank in Albany. Still another boy; who could not do a single example and who could spell but six words correctly, became mayor of a western city."

### Elected President.

At a meeting of the stockholders of Sinnamahoning Powder Co., Mr. Henry Auchu was elected President and General Manager. He informs us that he expects to have the plant ready for business within five or six weeks. It is said to be one of the best plants in the country.