Letters from the People.

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I beg leave for space in your valuable paper for the purpose of answering the clipping over the signature of "J. C.

With all due respect to that article, and with absolutely no prejudice or ill feeling, whatsoever, I wish to speak a word in defense of the home merchant. Mr. J. C. Barnett, the author of this article, starts off by saying "when our home merchant, or merchants, tell us by trading with them we keep our money at home." I no not wish to put myself on record as stating that the merchant, or merchants, did tell Mr. J. C. Barnett, of this fact, but neverthelees it is a fact, and Mr. Barnett also further states that they should also keep at home only a legitimate profit, he is certainly very far reaching, in that the writer is in no position to know what the cost of different articles may be in different localties. This is simply a statement by Mr. Barnett, without one iota of proof

or any truth, whatever in it.

Mr. Barnett states that some merchant has told him that he lost, hundreds and even thousands of dollars through credit business.

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through credit business.

This may be true in a very small degree (Mr. Barnett seems to have a knack of making assertions which practially have no limit whatever to them) and right hear dear reader is where I wish to impress on your mind the old saying "that a friend in need is a friend indeed". Just suppose for one instance that the head of the family is taken sick and the income is practically shut off, or some one in the family has had an accident, such as a limb has had an accident, such as a limb broken, or you have lost your home by fire or some other way, in fact re-verses and troubles never seem to come by fire or some other way, in fact reverses and troubles never seem to come single; you have no money laid by for a rainy day. Now dear reader would the mail order house hold you up and supply you with the necessities of life without the money in advance before you get the goods Just take the trouble to write them a letter and ask them what they will do for you, or is this the only time you patronize your home merchant? Let us take another step in this direction, is there any children in your home. Now would you have a church or a Sunday school to send them to or a public park where they could play in or a public library they could learn and educate themselves and other benefits too numerous to mention, ask yourself

public library they could learn and educate themselves and other benefits too numerous to mention, ask yourself dear reader, if the mail order houses built these for you.

Mr. Bartlett's second paragraph starts off like this, "from these FACTS we may form certain conclusions." My dear friend you must first learn the definition of the word fact. When you are stating a fact you do not start out by using the word IF, taking Mr. Barnett's second paragraph as a whole, with emphasis on the last two sentences, it is one of two things. Either the ravings of a thoughtless brain or an insinuation that the merchants do not pay their bills. Fellow citizens, you can judge for yourself how long a merchant would stay in business if he did not pay his bills. The third paragraph tells of a bill of goods purchased at the saving of \$3.81. In the first place did this man give his home merchant at fair chance? Did he take the bill and the cash and go to the home merchant and ask for his lowest cash figure on this bills of goods? Did he realize that there are at least three or more grades of goods in nearly every article purchased in a generel store. Did he have a fair chance to examine the goods before he bought them. Did he compare the quality after seeing them? I would sea that he signally took if for granted. the duality after seeing them? I would say that he simply took it for granted that they were of the same quality. This is probably the reason Mr. Barnett was satisfied with every article he received in the order. Right here I wish to say that I, personally, know of several parties who were not satisfied with the goods coming from these places. Now a gentleman by the name of Hicks, seems to have something to say in this article about the marvelous increase of the mail order business. This must have been a pretty dear letter for the mail order houses to get up. As I hnderstond it now has taken four men to land this in the CAMERON COUNTY

the mail order houses to get up. As I haderstond it now has taken four men to land this in the CAMERON COUNTY PRESS. In the latter part of the second paragraph Mr. Hicks, makes this remark: "In fact it is contemptibly mean for a merchant to saddle his losses on honest customers who pay for what they buy."

Dear friend if there was one grain of truth in this remark of Mr. Hicks, you would see seven times the amount of successful merchants that you see today. And as far as dead beats are concerned, my friend, the proper place to commence action on that point is at the state capitol. Speaking about the parcels post, Mr. reader did you stop and think who is going to pay for this? It is not the mail order houses; they will foot the bill which will be a very small proportion and then they will gracefully hand the burden over to the poor tax payer. If your taxes are to small help it along.

gracefully hand the burden over to the poor tax payer. If your taxes are to small help it along.

I think I have answered the principal points in this, "made to order letter" which the owner was ashamed of himself and any reasonable minded man will agree with us that he had reason to be ashamed, therefore he sent it in by a substitute.

Yours Truly,
CHAS, DIEHL,
Secretary of Cameron County Business.

Secretary of Cameron County Business Men's Exchange.

As Others See Him.

Geo, M. Wanbaugh, the Harrisburg representative of the Philadelphia North American, pays the following compliment to Cameron county's energetic and faithful Representative, who devotes his best energy towards the enactment of legislation in the interest of the people:

of the people:

"The women of Pennsylvania have a sturdy champion in the legislature in Josiah Howard, the "little giant of Cameron." Mr. Howard wants the Constitution amended so as to permit women to vote for School Directors, and upon all questions relating to the public schools. He believes they are entitled to this right, and he is very much in earnest in his efforts to bring this about.

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Mr. Howard makes up in brains and Mr. Howard makes up in brains and energy, what he lacks in size and weight. He is chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, and a member of other important committees. He is 45 years old, and has made a fortune in the lumber business. He is one of the few Republicans elected to the Legislature from Cameron county. This is Mr. Howard's second term."

Cameron county heartilly endorses his course, especially his efforts to amend the Constitution giving women the right to vote upon all questions re lating to the public schools, the same as many states have for years granted. The ladies, as a rule take great interest in educational matters, a large majority of the teachers in every county being ladies and Cameron county has for many years elected a lady county superintendent of schools.

Drunk and Disorderly.

Policeman Frank Mundy last Saturday night, about 12 o'clock, arrested Mrs. Thos. Smith and Nelt Lewis for drunkenness and disorderly conduct on Fourth and Wood streets and ploced in the lockup until the following Monday when they were given a hearing before Burgess W. H. Howard, who committed them to jail, under the Act of 1897, the former for thirty days and Lewis for twenty days. Burgess Howard will not stand for any nonsense. Right you are, Mr. Burgess. Policeman Mundy will keep his eyes open for all viólators-drunks and all other violators.

Bridge Gives Way.

Last Monday morning while Hugh Minard teamster for Keystone Powder Co., was driving across the wagon bridge, foot of Broad street, it gave way throwing horses, wagon, driver and contents into the creek. The wagon was loaded with scrap iron and a one box of dynamite.

The horses escaped with a few bruises and Minard got a good ducking, It was a lucky accident for had the dynamite exploded we would have a sad tale to record. A substantial bridge should be erected at that point.

Does coffee disagree with you? Probably it does! Then try Dr. Secop' Health Coffee. "Health Coffee" is a clever combination of cereals and nuts. Not a grain of real coffee, remember, in Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee, yet its flavor matches closely old Java and Mocha Coffee. If your stomach, heart or kidney can't stand Coffee drinking, try Health Coffee. It is wholesome, nour-

Emmanuel Church.

The annual parish meeting, postponed from Easter Monday will be held in the parish house on Friday evening, April 12, after the usual evening ser-

reafter the early celebration of the He & Communion will be held on the third Sunday in the month. The hour of this service is 8 a m.

The Rev. Mr. Hunter, of St. Marys, will officiate at the morning service next Sunday.

Big Sale.

On Monday next, April 15th, J. W. Norris will offer for sale at his livery barn, some of the best driving horses in this section, also first class buggies, harness, robes, and anything else in the above line, to make an up to date and stylish turn out. Don't fail to at-Mr. Norris says that he is not going out of business as has been re-

To Decorate all Soldiers Graves. I would like to know the names and

place of burial in Cameron county of any soldiers of the Revolutionary, Mexican or Spanish Wars before Memorial Day so that they can be

JOHN F. PARSONS, Emporium, Pa.

For Sale.

Gilmartin Farm one mile and a half west of Sterling Run; for particulars WM. GILMARTIN, apply to Johnsonburg, Pa.

The Climax Powder Company

Question-Exaggerated Reports. The Press has for some time been in receipt of personal and written requests to "tear up" the Eastern Dynamite Co., (more familiarly known as the Climax Co...) for storing dynamite in large quantities in the warehouse on the banks of the Portage. In fact we did publish one communication two weeks ago, in which the correspondent took the Company to task. While our citizens have had abundant reasons for being concerned and alarmed, when death has invaded so many homes during the past twelve or fourteen years, they should not be deceived by inflammatory reports, calculated to arouse great fear and unrest.

Emporium has become one of the leading manufacturing towns for high explosives in the country. Three fact ories within a radius of two-and-a-half miles—two being almost within the Borough limits-give employment to over three hundred men, boys and girls, earning fram \$1.00 to \$3 50 per day, making a total wage list of \$180,-000 per year, in addition to a vast sum expended for material and supplies purchased from our merchants and others.

Realizing the fact that our duty as a public journalist was to carefully investigate the urgent requests that we use our influence to put a stop to the storage of large quantities of powder near Newton Cemetery. Accordingly we called the attention of Mr. Frank T. Beers, Supt. of the DuPont plant to the charges made, when he promptly denied that one pound of explosives are ever stored in the warehouse on the Portage, in fact nothing but flour, wood pulp, soda and other supplies being stored in that warehouse. "The explosives," Mr. Beers informed us, "are stored in a fire proof, bullet proof and lightning proof magazine located one-half mile up a ravine and protected from Emporium by the natural configuration of the ground." On an average not more than 40,000 pounds are ever placed there at one time, unless a scarcity of cars for a day prevents shipments-it being their custom to ship as rapidly as the material is

made. This magazine is made exactly as the laws of Great Britain compelall dynamite manufacturers to erect-calculated to be the safest plan in the world. So careful and strict are the rules of this company to guard against accident or explosions, which take place in almost all factories, mines and mills, that only two deaths have been recorded at the "Climax" in fourteen years-one direct and one after an illness of a week from heart failure. To satisfy us that his report was truthful, and we had no reason to disbelieve him, having known him intimately all his life, we accepted his polite invitation to visit the plant and see for ourself, which we complied

with yesterday. We carefully examined the ware house and emphatically declare that not one pound of powder was found in great building, which is 50x120 feet. The magazine is located fully one-fourth mile from east cemetery line fence. It ishing and satisfying. It's nice even is a substantial building, built of brick, for the youngest child. Sold by all iron roof, over ten inches of sand to assure its being bullet proof. The magazine is electrically protected, wide copper bands being strapped around the building and burried deep in damp soil, making it absolutely lightning proof. To guard against accident when cars are loaded it is a rule to bill at once to the railroad company, never allowing loaded ears to stand on their

tracks over night. In justice to all of our dynamite companies all must agree that they throw every protection possible around their men. The "Climax" are strict to the letter and compel their men to allow an examination to be made of their clothing to make sure that none carry matches onto the works.. The magazine is guarded with the strictest precaution. When explosives are to be unpacked the men must remove the box from magazine to a safe distance and carefully repack. No tools, hammers, etc., are allowed in the magazine.

Another praise worthy mention may be appropriately mentioned here. In order to get only reliable men they have an adopted a pension plan, viz: All men who remain in their employ fifteen years, wishing to retire will receive one per cent. for each year's service, based on the average pay for ten years. Those retiring when they are 70 years old, receive one per cent. based on their wages during the past ten years. Joshua Bair is the oldest employee and will soon be placed on the pension list.

The PRESS has no desire to cover up or deceive our readers, but since so many unreasonable stories are afloat we have carefully inspected and investigated this industry that our readers may, at least, in a crude and hurried form, understand the exact situation as it applies to the Climax. Another praise worthy mention may

DEATH'S DOINGS.

KARNEY.

Mrs. Bennett Leutze and son Charles returned last Thursday from attending the funeral of the father of Mrs. Leutze, at Williamsport-Mr. Felix Karney, aged 71 years—whose death took place on Good Friday. The funeral took place from the homestead, in Lewis township, eighteen miles from Williamsport. Rev. M. Lyon, Rector of Marys Episcopal Church officiated. Remains interred in Wilwood Cemetery. Deceased had resided in Lycoming county for 48 years. He leaves a wife and nine grown up children.

IVES.

Miss Alice Ives, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Collet Ives, at Mason Hill, died at her sister's Mr. Fred Wrighter's home, at 5 o'clock a. m., Friday, April 5th. Her death was caused by consumption. The disease was contracted about eighteen months ago. Miss Ives was twenty-eight years of age and was well and favorably known in this vicinity. She is survived by a mother, three brothers and three sisters. The funeral was held from the Mason Hill school house on Sunday, April 7th, at 11 o'clock a. m. The Rev. Ebersole, of Sterling Run officiating. The funeral was largely attended The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all in their great sorrow.

Valuable Purchase.

At administrator's sale of the late John W. Kriner's real and personal property, held at the City Hotel, last Saturday evening, Mr. R. M. Overhiser purchased the dwelling, corner of Fourth and Maple streets; consideration \$3,550. The property is admirably situated and we consider Mr. and Mrs. Overhiser have secured a good bargain.

Annual Election.

At an election of officers and directors by the stockholders of Emporium Powder Co., held at the Company's offices, in Emporium on Tuesday, the following were elected:

President, Frank Shives: Vice President, Allen Baldwin; Treasurer, L. Taggart; Secretary, G. J. Smutz; Directors, Messrs. Frank Shives, L. Taggart, Allen Baldwin, M. C. Tulis, S. Smith, C. W. Shaffer, F. X. Blumle, Rev. Thos. B. Downey, H. L.

Yankee-Turkish Party.

Mrs. Frank Shives gave a Yankee-Furkish party yesterday afternoon, to a number of lady friends, at her handsome Fourth street residence. This is a new fangled idea and we are at a loss to understand the plan unless it is to instruct the ladies how to talk turkey to their husbands.

Valuable Purchase

One year ago Mayor W. H. Howard purchased 42,000 acres of hardwood timber, located twenty-two miles west of Staunton, Va., which has proven valuable. The purchase is situated six miles from a railroad. Mr. Howard, accompanied by Mr. Jos. Kaye and Mr. Chas Edwards, left on Weenesday for the land "flowing with milk and honey," to make a careful inspection. Our citizens will all wish "Big Hearted Will' may make a million.

"My Mother-in-Law."

The company presenting "My Mother-in-Law" which is to be the attraction at the Emporium Opera House, Thursday, April 11th, is headed by the comedian Mr. Fred R. Wren who made such a success in "TheArrival of Kitty" last

In his new offering which is an American farce comedy Mr. Wren assumes the role of a New York dry goods merchant, whose domestic happiness is marred by the everlasting presence of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lardet Overall. In Syracuse where the company appeared the Herald says: "The work of Mr. Wren was always amusing, the audience found much to laugh at and specialties by members of the company were capable; taken altogether the company gave one of the best shows seen here this season."

Mr. Wren and his clever company of comedians appear in this city Thursday, April 11th.

Eye Specialist.

Prof. W. H. Budine, the well known Eye Specialist, of Binghamton, N. Y., will be at R. H. Hirsch's jewelry store, Emporium, Pa., April 13th. If you can't see well or have headache don't fail to call and see Prof. Budine, as he guarantees to cure all such cases. Lenses ground and fitted in old frames. Eyes tested and examined free. All work guaranteed.

Subscribe for the PRESS, and read once. the county news.

Church Supper.

The ladies of M. E. Church will give a supper, in the room recently vacated by the Misses Kelley, on Friday evening, April 12th. Supper, 25c. Everybody invited.

Extensive Improvements.

The ladies of M. E. Church have taken upon themselves the expense of redecorating the church, at a cost of \$650. The work is being done by Mr. Hunter and crew.

While the church is in the hands of the decorators we understand all services will be held at the Court House.

Wreck-Tail End Collision! Early this (Thursday) morning a

freight collison took place at Howard Siding. The collision was caused by a train breaking in two, when rear end stopped and second section collided. Nine cars were burned. No one injured. The Renovo fire engine and wreck train cleared the wreck.

Loeb Disavows.

WASHINGTOM, APRIL 5.—At the White House to-day Secretary Loeb "Senator Penrose's name was not mentioned, yesterday, when information of the conspiracy to defeat the president's policies was given out. How his name came to be connected with the publication in this morning's paper I do not know "

Penrose Disclaims.

PHIDADELPHIA, APRIL 5 .- "It is absolutely untrue, declared Senator Penrose to the Publishers' Press representative to-day, when asked for a statement as to the published report that he disclosed the tale of "Richmen's conspiracy" to defeat President Roosevelt's policies. "I have never said any such thing. I have always been a supporter of and believer in Roose velt's administration, and its policies."

Another Handsome Residence. Contractor Larsivee, and workmen, of Williamsport, arrived in Emporium on Monday and will commence on Henry Auchu's new residence at once, situated on corner of West Fourth and Poplar streets. We understand the residence will be one of the finest in the county and a credit to Emporium. Mr. Auchu's extensive business connections in Emporium guarantees this excellent family remaining in Emporium, even after the lumber is exhausted.

See Wing Lee, Posie Pouttand and Major Britt, in "My Partner," at the Opera House, April 18th, for the benefit of Emporium Base Ball Club. In addition to getting more hearty laughs from the people above mentioned, you will find the heart interest of "My Parner" something to remember. The love story of Mary Brandon and Joe Saunders told throughout the play is of absorbing interest. The audience do not lose their interest from the rise of the curtain until the fall in the last act, when Joe and Mary live in the esteem of the world and forever honor the memory of "My Partner."

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A good six room house, with gas and water; centrally located. On easy terms. Apply to W. H. HOWARD.

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Call at the Emporium Machine Shop for Bowker's fertilizer and printed matter giving directions how to use same to get best results for grain and vege-

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"My Partner", Bartley Campbell's great play of the Golden West, for the benefit of the Emporium Base Ball Club, at the Opera House, Thursday evening, April 18th.

FOR SALE CHEAP-An eight horse power engine; ten horse power boiler and all fixtures.

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A first-class upholstering man is now in our employ. Bring your work in at

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THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 14

MR. FRED R. WREN,

Late of the "Arrival of Kitty Co." Presents his new laugh show with ten comedians, in a farcial musical

Mother-in-Law.

Latest popular songs, dances, specialties.

Partner"

Benefit Base Ball Club, THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 18

If you miss it you will miss it.

Prices: 25, 35 and 50c.

NOTES OF INTEREST.

Pennsylvania legislature will adjourn

May 16th. "My Partner" which will be presented at the Opera House on Thursday evening, April 18 for the benefit of Einporium Base Ball Club is one of the most interesting of American plays. There is not a dull moment in it, and not a dull character. All theatre goers have heard of David Belasca and the play he presents. The author of "My Partner"was a better playwright than Belasco. While Belasco depends to a great extent on certain scenic effects to carry his production through, Bartley Campbell, the author of "My Partner carries his audience with him in a word

picture so vivid the audience wait with

breathless interest for the next denou-

The News-No Pure Drug Cough Cure Laws would by needed, if all Cough Cures were like Dr. Shoogs Cough Cure is-and has been for 20 years. The National law now requires. that if any poisons enter into a cough mixture, it must be printed on the label or package. For this reason mothers and others, should insist on. having Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. Nopoison marks on Dr. Shoop's labelsand none in the medicine, else it must by law be on the label. And it's not only safe, but it is said to be by those that know it best, a truly remarkable cough remedy. Take no chance, particularly with your children. Insist on having Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. Compare carefully the Dr. Shoop packages with others and see, No poison marks there? You can always be on the safe side by demanding Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. Simply re. fuse to accept any other. Sold by all

Dancing Class.

Mr. Frank Gilson, of Corry, will organize a dancing school to start Friday evening, April 12th, at opera house, and to be given every following Friday evening. Prof. Gilson is very proficient in the art of dancing and will guarantee to teach any one, old or young. Lessons from 7:30 to 0:00; assembly from 9 to 12. Good music.

Admission, gents, 50c; ladies 10c; all lessons 25c; lady scholars free to after dance; gentlemen scholars 25c extra.

JOSEPH BURNSIDE, Manager.