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ITS POWERS AND JURISDICTION! ing said Court.

THE JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT COURT!

SIGTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereiny enacted by authority of the same, That from and after the passage of this Act, the District Court of Cambria County shall have and exercise, within the limits of said district, all and singular the powers and jurisdictions of the Court of Over and Terminer and General Jail Delivery of Cambria County, and shall have and exercise original civil jurisdiction in all cases within the limits of said district, and shall have and exercise, within the limits of said district, all chancery powers and jurisdictions which are now vested in the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County, and shall have and exercise, within the limits of said district, all and singular the powers and jurisdictions o the Orphans' Court and Register Court of Cambria County, with like effect within said fistrict, and with like powers and jurisdictions, and the remedies, powers, pleadings and costs shall be similar to like proceedings in the Court of Common Pleas, Court of Over and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Court of Common Pleas, Court of Equi-

ty, Orphans' and Register's Courts of Cambris County. SECTION 2. There shall be established with-

in the limits of said district, a Recorder's office for recording deeds, mortgages, agree ments, and all other instruments of writing which are or may hereafter be within the recording Acts of the State of Pennsylvania, which deeds and other instruments of writing so recorded, and copies thereof duly certified.

son, being a citizen of said district, who tificates to have been given for any person shall be called the Marshal of said district in respect to each office or station. The and be commissioned by the Governor, and clerks shall thereupon, in presence of the who shall hold his office for three years and judges, make out duplicate returns of said until his successor is duly qualified, but no election, as are now required to be made out person shall be twice chosen or appointed for Sheriff and like offices, which shall be Marshal in any term of six years. Vacan- signed by all the return judges present and cies in said office shall be filled by appoint- attested by said clerks, as by law now re-Full Text of the Act Establish- ment of the Governor, to continue until the quired to be made out and attested for like next general election and until his successor offices. When the returns shall be compleshall be chosen and qualified, as aforesaid, ted, the President of the board of return The said Marshal shall have and exercise all judges, as aforesaid, shall forthwith lodge a District Court in the Borough of Johns-town, for the County of Cambria, approved now by the laws of the Commonwealth re-now by the laws of the Commonwealth re-now by the laws of the Commonwealth re-of the heard deposited in the nearest postquired to be performed by the Sheriff of of the board deposited in the nearest post-Cambria county. He is also hereby required office, sealed and directed to the Secretary of to perform all the duties enjoined upon the the Commonwealth, in the manner now di-Sheriff of Cambria county by the seventeenth | rected by law. It shall be the duty of the section of the Act to which this Act is a sup- return judges aforesaid in every case to transenter into recognizance and become bound | making up such returns; and the said return in the sum of ten thousand dollars, accord. | judges and clerks shall be allowed the same ing to the form as now prescribed by law for | compensation and mileage, to be paid out of Sheriffs, which bond shall be approved by the treasury of Cambria county, in the same the Jueges of said District Court, or any two | manner that the return judges and clerks of of them, the President being one, and he re- Cambria county are paid for like services. corded. Said bond shall be like conditioned It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the said and have the like effect and be subject to all | District Court to whom the return of any the provisions which by the laws of this such election shall be delivered by the judges Commonwealth the bond of the Sheriff of aforesaid, where such judges are required to Cambria county is subject to. It shall be send a copy of such return to the Secretary the duty of said Marshal, immediately after of the Commonwealth, to make out a copy receiving his commission from the Governor, of such return under his hand and seaf of

of the said District Court, by whom the same | under scaled cover to the Secretary of the shall be recorded at the expense of the said | Commonwealth by placing the same in the Marshal. SECTION 10. The qualified electors of the of the Clerk aforesaid to record said election respective election districts within the limits returns in a book to be procured for that of the said District Court shall, at the same purpose,

after, elect one person, being a qualified elec- said shall enter upon the duties of their retor of said district, to be styled Cierk of the spective offices as soon as the oath of office District Court, who shall perform all the shall have been administered to them and clerical duties appertaining to the offices and recorded as aforesaid, whereupon all the dujurisdiction of said District Court, and shall ties and jurisdiction of those acting in said receive such fees as are payable for similar Court and District, in the same or similar

to deliver the same to the Recorder of Deeds office, and forthwith to transmit such copy nearest post office. It shall also be the duty time and place, and every three years there- SICTION 16. The officers elected as aforeservices by law. The said Clerk of the Dis- offices, shall cease and determine.

one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and sence of said board, to add together the num-"DONNER LAKE." every three years thereafter, elect one per- ber of votes which shall appear by said cer-Horrors of Overland Travel-Madness,

Starvation and Cannibalism--The Most Frightful Narrative of Modern Times.

The current number of the Overland Monthly describes afresh, and no doubt with minute accuracy, a chain of events, which, for ghastly horrors, are probably tale realizes, in truth, the frightful denunsible to obtain.

the party who met their death hard by- those who had perished until the very last, exception the great promise maker and is one of the most picturesque and lovely and then partook of it sparingly, and with breaker of Guy's Neck. I verily believe spots in the elevated valleys of the Sierra evident feelings of horror. Nevada. "Starvation Camp," the immediate scene of the calamity, is close at and many of the remainder were on the ged him to wait till to-morrow. hand, and by it runs a railroad, strange point of doing so. Amid devastation and Greg had wheedled Lije with promises

gloomy and cadaverous, regarded them his case was hopeless. with a coldness amounting almost to in-

before them. Monstrous as it may seem, he privately unfolded his plans. without equal in authentic records. The to such an extent had the natural tastes Acting under the lawyer's instructions, of these people become perverted, that the friend presented himself at the inn as ciation of Othella, for in it "on horror's they pushed aside the flour and bacon guest, and after securing quarters, depos-An Act supplemental to an Act establishing the powers and perform all the duties within one each of such returns in the office of the head horrors accumulate," and surely im- tendered them, choosing rather to partake ited three hundred dollars in the landlord's agination cannot picture anything in the of the horrid feast to which they had so hands, taking good care to have a witness way of the piteous and awful more ex- long been accustomed. Parents were by. Some hours after, he called alone treme than what was suffered by the un- seen feeding on the remains of their chil- for the money, and the landlord knowing fortunates concerned. In various forms, dren, and children on those of their pa- there was proof of the deposit, made no by books, newspapers, and more frequents rents. Here a wife was broiling on the difficulty in handing it over. ly by private report, the story has been coals the flesh of her husband, and else- The same day Boniface was served plement. Before he shall be commissioned mit to each of the persons elected a certifi- told; for it happened long ago-in 1846 where a company were making a repast with a writ for three hundred dollars, and, execute the duties of his office, he shall cate of his election, within five days after -before Capt. Sutter had made his dis- upon the limb of a roasted companion -- on seeking advice, was told that, as there covery, and before every old whaler from All filial and parental affection seemed was a witness to his receipt of the money, Casco Bay to Hatteras had been fitted up, dead, the one instinct of self-preservation and none to its return, he had nothing for to brave once more the perils of Cape reigning supreme. Rapidly some of the it but to pay it again. With two huns Horn. But many have persisted in dis. most wretched creatures were being trans- dred dollars of it the lawyer reimbutsed believing it. It was too terrible to relate, formed into ghouls and demons, having the countryman, and kept the remainder they said, to believe. And it is true that already lost many of the divine traits of for his fee. there seemed to be a raw-head and bloody. humanity. Haggard and attenuated, they No less adroit was the march that Lije bones air about the narrative that more spoke but little, while their looks and des Loomis stole on the "Statute of Limitafrequently attends fiction than fact, and meanor were wi'd and unearthly. Too tions." Lije was the fuctotum of Guy's which, at all events, lent warrant to the incredible for belief are the stories told of Neck. He did a miscellaneous busice a suspicion that it had been expanded and the ravenous greed exhibited by some of as a carpenter, cow doctor, and coffinembellished. There is, however, no doubt these starving wretches; one of whom is maker-adding to his other functions that about the melancholy truth of it; and the said to have eaten the entire body of a of undertaker to the county poor house. minute account now published is to be ac- child during the course of a single night ; He was, withal, an easy, good-natured cepted as the product of all the sifted and while another insisted on appropriating to fellow, free to trust, and a most indulgent collected testimony that it has been pos his own use the hearts and other viscera creditor. of his dead companions. On the other Among others whom Lije had trusted

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many the very soul had become a desolative received. On taking legal counsel, the tion. While some welcomed their deliv- gentleman was astonished to learn that, erers with exstacies of joy, others looked being without a witness, as matters stood

The lawyer, however, was a man of difference, they having become not only resources. Dismissing his client with reconciled to their cannibalistic diet, but directions to return in a couple of days, he preferring it to wholesome food when set called to his aid a reliable friend, to whom

Donner L. ke-named after the leader of hand many refused to touch the flesh of to his cost, was Greg Grimes, without he would, if possible, have put a creditor Thirty-six of the company had perished, off till the Last Judgment, and then beg-

trict Court shall also have such power and Skeriox 17. It shall be the duty of the authority and perform all the duties which Judges of the said District Court, or any two gests to the helpless misery the spot once almost seemed needful to show that these Losing patience at last, Lije took his acby the fifth section of this Act are given of them, the President being one, at each witnessed. The Donner party left their afflicted souls shared a common humanity, count over to the Squire, when, to his no home for the Pacific slope in search of a Donner, the leader, was too far reduced small discomfiture, he learned that unless the lake. Their Indian guide, one Truc- and die with her husband. With won- Such fellows as Greg always know a One day Lije drove up to Greg's door with his old gray mare and spring wagon, folks-being visible behind the seat.

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shall have such effect as is given to records. by the laws of the S ate of Pennsylvania. SECTION 8. The judgments of said District

Court shall be liens upon all the real estate of defendant or defendants lying within the limits of said District Court, and shall have all the incidents of indgments of the Court of Common Pleys of Cambria County, and write of fieri facias, venditioni exponas and other execution process for the purpose of selling any real estate of defendant or defendauts, within the limits of said district, shall issue out of said District Court, with like effect and with like remedies, powers and jurisdictions as the same now issue out of the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County; and there shall be a general lien docket and extension docket for said District Court, which dockets shall be kept in said which by the laws of the Commonwealth are kept in the Court of Common Plens of Cam-

bria County. SECTION 4. The records of all judgments of any court of record of Pennsylvania, and of transcripts of judgments of all Aldermen

and Justices of the Peace of this Commonwealth shall, when duly authenticated, be admitted to record in said District Court. and shall thereupon have all the incidents of judgments in said Court.

SICTION 5. It shall be the duty of the and Recorder of Cambria County, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to perform all the duties now required by law of the Clerk of the Orphans' Court and Register and Recorder of Cambria County, so far as the business and jurisdiction of said District Court extends, and upon failure or refusal to perform said duties, the Judges of said District Court, or any two of them, shall appoint a person to perform said duties, in the same of Deputy Sheriff by the tenth section of the

Act to which this is a supplement ; and it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Orphans' charge of the records and seals of said Court of holding said Court and in the apartments provided for that purpose, and the fees of said Clerk, Register and Recorder, shall be the same as now provided by law for the Clerk of the Orphans' Court, Register and The shall also give bond in the same form and He shall also give bond in the same form and Recorder of Cambria county, for like services.

which bond shall be approved by any two of the Judges, the President being one.

iner and General Jail Delivery of said District Court, and the fees of the said Clerk of

county are for like services. SECTION 7. It shall be the duty of the

now provided by law for like services.

osed upon the Register of Wills Cambria county are now subject.

District Court, and which shall have the district shall, at the same time and place, SECTION 11. The qualified electors of said same effect as similar dockets and records and every three years thereafter, elect one perion, learnest in the law, who has been two years admitted to the bar, and who shall save resided within the limits of the said dis-

trict one year next preceding his election, who shall be called the District Attorney of said district. The said District Attorney, before entering on the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe the same oath or affirmation as is required to be taken by the Attorney General of this Commonwealth, which cath or affirmation shall be entered on the records

of the said Court. He shall have and exer-Clerk of the Orphans' Court and Register | cise all the powers and perform all the duties within the limits of said District Court that are now by the laws of this Commonwealth required to be performed by the District Attorney of Cambria county, and be subject to all the laws of this Commonwealth relating to District Attorneys.

SECTION 12. The said Marshal and Clerk shall hold their offices in the building in which said District Court is held, or some manner as is provided for the appointment other convenient place in the Borough of Johnstown. SECTION 13. The election for Marshal and

Court and Register and Recorder to take by this Act, shall be held and conducted in all respects in the same manner as elections and offices, and keep the same in the place for Representatives by the laws of this Commonwealth are held and conducted, and sub ject to all the provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth in relation to the election of similar officers. It shall be the duty of the Sheriff of the county to make and publish proclamation of the first election held under in like amount and conditions that the Clerk Law for the election of similar officers of of the Orphans' Court, Register and Record- Cambria county, and thereafter such procla- lightened a country as the South -Banner er of Cambria County has now entered into. mation shall be made by the Marshal of said district, as aforesaid.

SECTION 14. It shall be the duty of the SECTION 6. It shall be the duty of the Pro- judges and inspectors of the respective electhonotary of the Court of Common Plens of | tion districts, within the limits of said Dis-Cambria county, and he is hereby authorized trict Court, in addition to the duties now by and empowered to perform all the duties law required of them, as soon as all the votes of the Cierk of the Court of Oyer and Term- given for the officers herein provided for the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General hands and seals, setting forth in words at in a year. Brick by brick houses are built. Jail Delivery shall be the same and paid in | length the number of votes given for the soylike manner that the fees of the Clerk of the eral persons voted for, designating the office we run, and run before we ride. In getting Court of Oyer and Terminer of Cambria or station in respect to which the votes were

election bex, and the return judge shall take small business till you see that a large one Sheriff, Prothonotary, Clerk of the Court charge of the other and produce the same at will pay you better. Even crumbs are of the Oyer and Terminer, and District At- a meeting of one return judge from each elec- bread. Better a little furniture than au of that State, insures perfect safety torney of the said District Court, and they tion district within the limits of said District con a stone and feed himself had bet. are hereby authorized and empowered to Court, and on the day following said election. can sit on a stone and feed himself had betperform all their respective duties, so far as Provided, that in case of the sickness or in- ter not move. From bad to worse is poor the same are hereby extended by this Act. ability of said return judge to attend, then "improvement. A crust is hard fare, but and the fees of said Sheriff, Prothonotary, and in that case one of the inspectors or none at all is harder. Don't jump out of Clerk of the Conrt of Oyer and Terminer and clerks of said election shall perform the du- the frying pan into the fire. Remember, District Attorney shall be the same as are ties hereby enjoined on the return judge.

now provided by law for fixe services. SECTION 8. Jurors drawn and in attend-Dictice to the limits of said than a great concern at a loss; a small fire fork to rescue those of the original party of the litigants, had they been suffered to

session of said Court, to estimate the probaand Recorder of Deeds of Cambria county, ble expenses of said District Court and the and he shall receive such fees as are payable officers of said district, under this bill, for by law for similar services. He shall hold | and during the said session of said Court and his office for three years and until his success until the next term, and draw an order for sor is duly qualified. Vacancies in said of the amount of the same upon the Treasurer fice shall be filled by appointment of the of Cambria county, in favor of the Sheriff . Governor, to continue to the next general Marshal of said Court ; and it shall be the e ection. Before the said Clerk shall be com- duty of said Treasurer to pay said orders out missioned, he shall enter into a bond in a of any money in the treasury; and if there sum to be fixed by the Judges of the said shall be no money in the treasury when said District Court, or any two of them, of whom order or orders are presented, then it shall the President shall be one, and the said bond be the duty of said Treasurer to pay th shall be like conditioned and have like effect | same out of the first money that shall come and shall be subject to all the provisions into his hands on account of taxes paid in which by the laws of this Commonwealth said district. Deficiencies in said estimates, the respective bonds of the Prothonotary, or any of them, shall be included in the next Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds of estimate, and paid accordingly.

SECTION 18, All Acts and parts of Acts supplied by this bill, or which conflict with any of its provisions, are hereby repealed.

THE SISTERS OF CHALTER .-- With what pleasure and pride does the Catholic listen o the praises of our Sisters of Charity from a depth of more than twenty feet. Protestant lips. We who also know them well-we who know their worth, their virtues--- cannot find words to spea't or write party, thirty-two of whom being women, of them as they deserve, or as we would and a large portion children. The Capwish to. But the generous and liberal Protain, George Donner, was a man of some testants who have seen them in the hospitals sagacity and considerable wealth, and his in the sick room, at the bedside of the dving, never fail to pay a just tribute to them or to express their admiration of their self-sacrificing zeal in behalf of suffering humanity. It was but a few days ago, away up in the mountains of South Carolina, that we heard from the lips of a venerable Doctor, who had traveled much in the world, such a grand eulogium on the Sisters of Charity that it made our heart glow with pride and our of the District Court, for the said district, words of praise. He had seen them in the gratitude go out to him for his eloquent hospitals, in the pestilence, and he knew their worth. Nowhere such tender nursingnowhere such virtue-nowhere such women. It was a Protestant speaking to Protestants, and so it was more elequent, more appreci-Clerk of the District Court, as provided for ated, than if it had come from the lips of one of our own Faith.

Yes! there are no truer women-no nobler. women-no grander women-than our Sisters of Charity: and a Church which can foster such an association ought not to be a despised Church. Its charities, its love for all men, its noble benefactions, ought at least to save it from the slanders of those who misrepresent its doctrines and calamniat is this Act, in the manner now provided by followers. Intelligence and gratitude shou d at least win for it respect in so just and enof the South.

Dox'r HUERY .-- Believe in traveling on step by step ; don't expect to be rich in a jump. Slow and sure is better than fast and flimsy. Perseverence, by its daily gains, enriches a man far more than fits and starts shall be read off and counted, to make out of fortunate speculation. Little fishes are New Year's feast-it now being the first of cabbage to be solemoly averied, and duplicate certificates of the same under their sweet. Every day a thread makes a skein day of January, 1847. Five days later no lawyer thought of smiling at it. We should creep before we walk, walk before eat." rich, the more haste the worse speed. Haste given, one of which shall be deposited in the trips up its own heels. Den't give up a

healthful and eligible soil, and having to be taken forward with the rescuing be could get a new promise from his debtor, penetrated this great distance toward the party. His wife had her choice to be with a witness to it, he might whistle for promised land, were "snowed up" near | saved with her children, or to stay behind his bill.

kee, warned them one afternoon that derful fortitude and devotion, and in spite good deal of law, especially the sharp dreadful weather was at hand, and urged of his carnest entreaties, she chose the points of it. Greg would talk as freely them to push on, for the ground was as latter. Another man, one Keisburg, was and be as full of promises as ever, when yet undiscovered, they had found wood, also too weak to he removed. The rest he and Lije were alone, but, before others water and grass, and determined to halt was taken to California. In the following would either evade the subject, or else refor the night. In the morning a foot of April, another small party repaired to main provokingly mum. snow had fallen, and their cattle wander. Donner Lake, to see if by chance either ed away so that few of them could be of those left behind yet survived. They found. Alarmed, the wayfarers began to found Keisburg living, he having subsisted a plain pine coffin-one of those flat topbuild cabins and to take such other meas- for several weeks on the body of Mrs | ped affairs deemed good enough for poor ares as they could to protect themselves Donner, who had died soon after her husfrom the elements. The snow continued band. The story is almost too shocking to be repeated, but as a remarkable and to fall and presently became impassable, In a few days it was eight feet deep .--trustworthy instance of the behavior of During nearly the whole days of Novem- mankind under the most trying circumstances of which it is possible to conceive, ber the long storm continued and the snow on the mountains ultimately reached the narrative has an interest and importance which justify its recital and preser-There were eighty-two souls in the

vation.

LEGAL STRATEGY. BY JUDGE CLARK.

wife and children being with him, had Charles Lamb gives a funny account of every incentive to prudence and activity. But all efforts to escape from their frights litter of invenile purkers, rousted to by Lije's side. But all efforts to escape from their fright, litter of juvenile porkers, roasted to act the ful situation proved vain. In a short by the casual burning of the family sty, time everything in the shape of wholesome in picking about among the ruins, and food was gone. They devoured their sorrowfully handling the crisp remains, dogs, the hides of the cattle they saved, chanced to burn his fingers. Clapping and their own boots and shoes. Finally them to his mouth, he tasted a pleasure the miserab'e creatures began to think of so exquisite, that it made him at once eating each other. At this period a death forget his pain and his loss." Pouncing occurred-thus deferring a need for vio- on the prize, he not only d spatched the lence, and horrible to relate, the corpse whole barbeene at a sitting, but licked his was eagerly consumed. Other deaths lips for more. The story got wind, and followed, and the survivors continued to the entire country was ablaze with burnsubsist on the flesh of their dead compan- ing pig-pens ; nor was it till many years ions. After six weeks the storm having after that some adventurous innovator subsided eight men and five women, guided shocked the adherents of conservative by two Indians, set out to try to make cookery, by proposing a new and less extheir way to California. The hopes of pensive process of preparing the favorite all that remained hung on their efforts, dish. and they struggled desperately to succeed.

It is not for us lawyers to laugh at this. But in a week, and before they had pass- None have been more prone than we to ed the Divide, this forlorn hope was again roast pigs according to precedent. All of overwhelmed by snow. Three died al- us can remember when, in every action most at once and the rest ate their bodies. to recover the value of one man's property "Having," says the Overland Monthly, wrongly appropriated by another, it was "now been without a morsel to eat for necessary to allege a fictitious losing by four days, those wretched people cut the the former and finding by the latter ; and flesh from the bodies of the dead, and all because the first case of the sort, hunhaving refreshed themselves upon a por- dreds of years ago, happened to be one tion of it and dried the balance for future of real losing and finding. Nay, I have use again pushed on. This was their even known the loss and finding of a patch

the food was again all gone, and they had In the department of Evidence, we only the strings of their snow shoes left to have especially been slow to learn. If you want to know how cramped and The unhappy wretches then desired to artificial its rules are, just get into the devour their Indian guides, but the latter, witness box to tell all you know about seeing their intention, fled over the hills some case, and see how much you'll be

and were seen no more. On the 17th of let tell. January all but three of the thirteen were Twenty years ago it was worse. No dead, and of the survivors two laid down one was then admitted as a witness who to die. The third had fallen in with a was either "a party to the record," or infriendly Indian, who conducted him to a terested, to a cent's value, in the controsettlement on Bear river. There the story versy. The consequence was the frequent many men have done well in very small was told, and immediately expeditions set impossibility of proving, by competent SECTION 15. The return judges of the sev- shops. A little trade with profit is better forth from San Francisco and Sutter's witnesses, undoubted facts, which neither

"Mornin,' neighbor," said Lije.

"Same to you," said Greg. "Goin" to-plant a pauper, I see."

"Y a a-s; old Bope took rather sudden leave last night, and went to try the charity of another world."

"Which it's no more'n fair," said Greg. "seein' how long he lived on the charity of this."

"Would you mind gettin' in and coming along, neighbor ?" said Lije. It's mighty dull goin' to a funeral all alone by one's self."

The two chatted away after a sort to prove how cheerful good company can render a grave occasion.

"I'spose you havn't forgot that little hill o' mine !" Lije took the liberty at last to hint.

"Not by no means," said Greg. "Let's ce now-how much did you say it was ? I disremember rightly."

"Even sixty-nine dollars, besides seven years' int'rest.'

"Quite right," Greg assented. "I recollect now.

"Ef it's at all inconvenient to pay it, don't put yourself out on no account, said Lije.

"I've been threatenen' to settle it for a month back," said Greg; "but times hey been tight, an'-an'-how would Monday week do ?"

"To a dot," said Lije.

"I'll send it round," said Greg.

A curious sound came from the coffin. The ghost of a chuckle, Durdies would have called it. Greg gave a jump and lit in an adjacent cow pasture. Looking back he saw Lije's 'prentice, the most mischievous imp in Guy's Neck, but with plenty of sense, and of lawful age to be a witness, sitting up in the coffin and hughing like mad.

Greg took in the situation at one glance. He had been duped into committing him. self before a witness.

"It's a dirty, nasty, mean trick !" he exclaimed.

"What is ?" asked Lije.

"Why, triffn' with a body's feelins' about old Bope, makin' believe he is dead !"

"An' so he is," said Lije, "only I was goin' arter the body, instid o' fetchin' it away."

Greg turned away in disgust, Lijo bawling after him :

"Don't forget Monday week, an' per-

