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Reports from Ireland indicate that its crops of wheat, barley, oats, potatoes and other farm products are better than they have been for many years. This is cheering news to the poor inhabitants of Ireland and to all their friends.

The Philadelphia Times is doing a good thing in coming down on lawyers on the contingent fee business, taking for its text damages awarded a boy \$20,000 for a broken limb. In this case the lawyer kept half. Some lawyers have an astounding maw to keep funds.

The New York Herald says Ex-Mayor Hewitt upon his arrival from Europe remarked that it was a curious thing to see the American Republic preparing to invite other nations to send their products across the ocean when the government was doing all in its power to keep them out by a prohibitory tariff.

Pottstown town council has adopted a resolution that hereafter no person shall be employed on borough work unless he is an American citizen and taxpayer, and no person who fails to pay his honest debts when he is able to do so.

The Pennsylvania railroad company has also adopted a rule to discharge all employes who do not pay their honest debts.

J. C. Meyer was nominated by acclamation, by the Democrats on Tuesday, for re-election as district attorney. Mr. Meyer has filled the office faithfully during the present term and it is but justice that he was accorded the usages of a re-nomination and on account of his efficiency he deserves a re-election. Having the experience of one term the interests of the people of our county will be served by his re-election.

There is something almost ludicrous in the current reports of train robbing in the West. A few days ago two robbers went through a crowded train, meeting with no resistance except from an unarmed conductor, and a single robber was equally successful. Meanwhile the railroad companies seem to be making no effort whatever to protect their passengers; and as for the State Governments, they do not appear to have any concern in the matter.

T. F. Riley, nominated for associate judge, is one of the most active Democrats of Harris township, and a gentleman of excellent character, who stands high in his own neighborhood. He is a man of intelligence and good sound judgment, and will make a good associate judge for which position he is in every manner qualified. Democrats owe him their united support, because he is a good man and has always been true to the Democracy.

The King of famous Dahomey is dead, and his successor must prove before he ascends the throne that he is a brave and great man, the young aspirant is looking around for adventures. At last accounts he had gone hunting for King Tofa of Porto Novo, declaring that nothing less than the head of that potentate would satisfy his ambition. King Tofa was at peace with all the world, but his country is suddenly plunged into terrible commotion simply because his head is wanted across the border in Dahomey. The French are now busily engaged in Porto Novo helping the King keep his head on his shoulders. It is such puerile quarrels as these that are playing the mischief with the West African trade, and keeping a long stretch of the coast in an uproar.

From Johnstown.

The death of Judge Cummin, at Cresion was unexpected to the people of Johnstown, as it had been reported that he was improving.

During Judge Cummin's stay among the people there he made many friends, and they deeply regret his demise. His plan for having the people qualify to their classes met with considerable opposition when he first began his work here, but now everyone admits that his methods were wise and for the best interests of all concerned.

The Board of Inquiry seems now to be determined to finish up its work in the shortest time possible, and a force of clerks are kept at work day and night. The Commissary Department has been very much simplified, only a few clerks are required now to do the necessary work. There are about 700 persons subsisting and they are of a class that are unable to help themselves.

As soon as the widows receive their allowance in money from the Relief Fund they are taken off the list and no further subsistence is furnished them. In such cases, however, rations are furnished to the children of the family, but those who are older are left to take care of themselves. The number of rations is calculated, and instead of furnishing bread, flour is given and the people are required to bake for themselves. Fresh meat is furnished twice a week, and the food is all of good, healthy quality.

Capt. Kuhne says that it will be impossible to reduce the number subsisting from the commissary much below the present number for some time without doing injustice, but as soon as the relief money is all paid out the stock of goods on hand will be closed out and orders given on merchants in town to the few that it will be necessary to subsist.

The Rev. E. F. Flemon, who it will be remembered was arrested at Pittsburg, charged with murder in South Carolina, and handed over to the authorities of that state for trial, has been acquitted, the jury, composed altogether of white men, having found him not guilty.

The colored witnesses who appeared before Gov. Beaver in the interest of Flemon, did not want the governor to honor the requisition of the executive of South Carolina. He will not receive a fair trial, they declared, because the white Democrats of the south are prejudiced against every colored man who votes the Republican ticket. To Gov. Beaver's credit, be it said, he did not permit himself to be swayed by the bloody shirt sentimentality.

Flemon's friends cannot, of course, find fault with the twelve white men who acquitted him, and the only thing that remains for them to do is to denounce the negro who swore that Flemon fired the fatal shot.

The way of the divorce transgressor is sometimes a hard one. Sheriff Flack, of New York, who was recently divorced from his wife by an apparently collusive proceeding of which she had no knowledge—there being a younger and prettier woman in the case—will have to resign his sheriffship, as he has already resigned, under compulsion, as grand sachem of Tammany Hall. Tammany declared that unless Flack cleared himself fully of the dishonoring charges against him, he would be expelled; thereupon Flack resigned, but without making the slightest explanation or excuse for his conduct toward his wife. The divorce was a judicial scandal; not more so, probably, than many others that attract no attention, but the political prominence of Flack will make an example of him. He will have to give up an office worth \$50,000 a year, in which he has two years to serve, and possibly face a criminal prosecution.

Centre county's sheriff may not find this pleasant reading.

Surely the nomination of L. A. Schaeffer for prothonotary, T. F. Riley for associate judge, and J. C. Meyer for district attorney, should meet the approbation of every good citizen, without respect to party. In the important office of prothonotary, in which the people have more business than in any other office, it would be unwise to change from eminent fitness to inexperience. For associate judge we can not avoid having a new man, hence a very safe gentleman is presented in the person of T. F. Riley. For district attorney, J. C. Meyer has proven himself very competent during the present term and every voter will recognize the importance of securing his services for another term.

Advices from Zanzibar say Stanley coming down the coast with Emin Pasha, 9,000 men and an enormous quantity of ivory. The exact date of their arrival is uncertain.

The Germans are doing their utmost to create a disturbance there, and a rising against all Europeans is not only possible, but highly probable.

The Sioux Indians signed the cession of the great part of their Dakota reservation, according to one of their head men, on the idea if they did not agree to it the government could and would take their lands for nothing if it wanted to.

This means farms for 70,000 families, enough for a farming population of 400,000 souls.

The Sioux reservation in Dakota, reserved to the Indians by treaties made years ago, is an enormous territory stretching from the Nebraska boundary beyond the dividing line of the two Dakotas, and including all of South Dakota lying west of the Missouri river excepting only eight counties of the Black Hills region and the country directly north. This mighty reserve has an area of 34,125 square miles, or 21,840,000 acres. The total number of Indians occupying this country and cared for at its six agencies is about 25,000, giving an average of 900 acres to every buck, squaw and papoose. But it must be borne in mind that the agreement just completed only provides for opening to settlement about 40 per cent. of this great reserve. Six smaller reserves for Indian occupancy are carved out of it, with an aggregate area of 20,000 square miles. The government pays \$14,000,000 for the land acquired, or at the rate of \$12 per acre, and the wants of the Indians are to be provided for out of the 5 per cent. interest on this perpetual trust fund in the public treasury. Three rivers run through it, and the valleys are of great fertility. The soil is said to be for the most part a rich alluvial loam, with a clay sub soil, inviting the raising of stock as well as the cultivation of cereals, and favorable to the production of fruits. It is said of this country that the farmer has but to plough and sow or plant his seed. If too lazy for that, he can turn out his cattle upon the grass and grow rich on their increase.

The new liquor laws of Connecticut, which went into effect August 1, are to be strictly enforced. The county commissioners of the State, to which the licensing is allotted, have expressed themselves as unanimously in favor of high license. The screen law requires that all bars shall be visible from the street during the hours when selling is illegal, and in cases where the construction of the building completely occludes the bar the situation of the saloon will have to be changed under penalty of forfeiture of the license. The sum of \$400 has been practically agreed upon as the fixed price for licenses throughout the State and the commissioners for some of the counties have agreed not to grant licenses hereafter to women.

The only thing said about Quay, all the year, is about his sporting trips, fishing at the seashore, and such. You can't say anything great of him in the senate to make him an honor to the great Commonwealth of Penna. A sporting fisherman and shrewd wire worker, in politics he stands conspicuous and if the people of our state glory in that kind of stuff to represent them in the halls where Clay, Webster, Calhoun, Wright and other eminent statesmen brought renown to their states, their country and themselves, then they place little value upon real greatness and are not hard to please.

Centre county has acres of good state lands as Quay and dozens who are far his superior in real worth and ability. The Robert Morris Land and Coal Company of New York on Tuesday filed a bill in equity against the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company in the United States Circuit Court. The plaintiffs allege that they are the owners of 8,949 acres of land in Northumberland county, Pa., having coal lying thereunder and valuable timber on it. The defendant is in possession of the land, and is rapidly removing coal and timber from it, 2,000,000 tons of coal being taken out annually.

The property in dispute is worth \$30,000,000. The bill only was filed, and in a few days the order and injunction will be asked for.

The unanimous nomination, on Tuesday, of L. A. Schaeffer, for re-election as prothonotary is a just tribute to a faithful officer, who has attended to his duties faithfully and with his accuracy has combined an accommodating disposition and gentlemanly bearing towards all who had business in this important office. There should be no opposition to one who has filled his position so well. Let the people give Mr. Schaeffer such an endorsement at the polls as is due a faithful public servant.

The people of Ferguson and other townships in the county are much incensed, and justly so, against commissioners Henderson and Decker for raising the valuation on real estate unwarrantably above what the sworn assessors made it. Centre Hall, Potter and other districts have similar complaints. This action has raised the taxes. Let the commissioners put in less time at Bellefonte and they will not need raise the taxes.

"Nothing for Old Maids."

An elderly lady once remarked to a pretty girl that it was a very serious matter for a young woman to have a sweetheart. The girl answered that it was a far more serious matter not to have one. Certainly the two Misses Boggs, who have committed suicide at Point Pleasant, W. Va., agreed with the young lady. The two sisters were well to do. There was no reason why they should die by their own hand, or die at all, apparently. But they killed themselves, leaving a pathetic note, signed by both their names, saying there was "nothing in life for old maids."

It is a melancholy story, but the suicide was founded on a gigantic misapprehension of life. There is just as much here below for an old maid as for anybody else. Suppose they were without husbands? Husbands are not always what the old or young maiden fancy paints them. No more are wives always satisfactory. Socrates is credited with saying that whether one marries or does not marry, he regrets it. If the Misses Boggs had married, they might have got husbands whom they would have had to commit suicide to get rid of. Women have done the like, more than once.

But the gravest possible mistake one can make is to take for granted that his personal love, personal comfort and happiness play a very large figure in the plan of this universe. Whoever pursues these aims alone finds they invariably elude him at last, like Will o' the Wisp.

If the Misses Boggs wanted children, there was a world full of forlorn, homeless babies, many of them quite as sweet and pretty as any possible Boggs' babies would have been. How much they could have added to human happiness by adopting four or five little waifs and giving them home and education! Then there was the whole world of ideas before them—study, travel, science, art and music. Humanity stumbles blindly and painfully on, seeking always the better way in everything, thankful always to people who show it the better way. All of us owe it to the race to give some part of our time to aiding the rest. In philanthropy, in helping mankind to prosperity, to better, wiser, sweeter ways of living, there is work enough for a million single women, heaven knows!

It is sometimes necessary to pass through a sea of troubles to find at last that the only genuine happiness is found in giving happiness to others. Exactly in proportion as men lose sight of the "miserable aims that end in self," by a mysterious law friends, happiness and hope will drift their way. It is indeed: A miserable, petty, low roofed life, That knows the mighty orbits of the skies Through naught save light or dark in its own cabin.

River Floods.

Dr. Felix L. Oswald expresses, in the August Lippincott, the conviction that the whole earth is rapidly going to the "demonition bowwows," on account of the constantly increasing devastations of river floods. The cause of the river floods is the destruction of the hillside forests along the shores of the rivers. As long as the river hills are lined with trees, the soil beneath is soft and spongy. The leaves, living and dead, catch the rain and hold it gently to promote the growth of vegetation. The trees once cut off, the rainfall rushes down the hillsides in the spring floods, washing ghastly, yawning gullies, and pouring headlong into the river, causing destructive and widespread floods. The soil of the hills is washed off, leaving them barren and rocky. The sand and soil rush into the roaring river and cause it to become more and more shallow, to make higher floods.

In the torrid summer days, when the moisture that should have remained in the soil is most needed, the earth is hot and parched as a desert. So southwestern Asia, northern Africa and southern Europe, once the most fertile regions on the globe, supporting teeming millions of people, have become sandy barrens, simply through cutting off the trees from the highlands along the water courses. And so the whole United States will become like Arizona in time, unless the murderous tree stripping policy is stopped. The only way to stop the floods and reclaim the deserts is to replant the trees and let them stand.

How much is Queen Victoria worth was a question that the inquiring Mr. Labouchere insisted on having answered in parliament recently. Well, the frugal minded old lady has a private fortune of twenty-two and a half million dollars to begin with. Then she gets a salary of two million dollars from the British government for being their figurehead—not a very handsome one, either. She isn't quite a pauper, therefore, although she is a beggar every time one of her numerous posterity marries.

Gen. Boulanger has taken pains to deny the report that he has killed himself, or that he is going to do so. Boulanger has no need to commit suicide. The late elections in France prove that he is dead already—deader than a door nail. Vive la republique!

Dem. County Convention.

The Democratic County Convention met in the court house on Tuesday; Col. J. L. Spangler was elected chairman and made a lively speech on taking the chair.

L. W. Schaeffer was nominated for prothonotary on first ballot.

Thos. F. Riley, of Boalsburg, was nominated for associate judge on first ballot.

J. C. Meyer was nominated for district attorney by acclamation.

G. B. Wych, of Rush, and James Swab of Harris, were elected secretaries.

The following were appointed a committee on resolutions: W. F. Reber, S. J. Herring, J. W. Parker, Col. J. F. Weaver and J. H. Reifensnyder.

The vote for associate judge stood, T. F. Riley 57, J. F. Heckman 38.

For prothonotary the vote was, L. A. Schaeffer 80, M. I. Gardner 15.

For county surveyor Geo. D. Johnson, of Mt. Eagle had 65, and Mich. Grove 36.

For coroner Dr. J. W. Neff, of Snowshoe was unanimously nominated.

W. C. Heinle, esq., was re-elected Co. Chairman.

An English Pope.

The last British Contemporary Review contains rather a startling article on the future of the papacy. It substantially prophesies the removal of the head of the Roman Catholic church to London.

The world is now becoming English speaking, says the writer. The church, to be up with the times, must rid itself of Italian traditions and intrigue. Then, purified and modernized, with a pope who is an Englishman, Holy Church may reconquer the world. The author of the paper, which is printed anonymously, looks to America or Great Britain to rehabilitate the temporal power or the church must decline. Cardinal Gibbons is hinted at as the next pope. With some square miles of soil for its own, it is claimed that the papacy will have room for its secretaries, messengers and guards.

The growing influence of the laboring classes is apparent day by day. It is noticeable in the fact that Mayor Grant, of New York, invited representatives of various labor organizations to meet him in conference on the question of the world's fair in 1892. That exposition will not be an affair of a snobbish 400, as the centennial inauguration was, but an enterprise of all the people.

It may be interesting to our readers about this time of year to know that the masterpiece song is pitched in the key of C natural.

On Monday officers brought to Reading from Altoona Henry Whiteman, aged 30, for whom they have been searching eight years.

A little over eight years ago Whitman was married to a respectable young lady of Reading, and then disappeared. It is alleged that he went to Altoona, married a young lady there, and is now the father of several children. The charges against him are desertion and bigamy.

In Altoona he stood high in social circles.

Judge Terry of San Francisco was shot by a deputy U. S. Marshall in a hotel while he was assaulting Judge Field. Terry has long been a terror in that state. It was he, that shot senator Broderick about 25 years ago.

Boulanger has been found guilty, by the French senate, of treason, but he is safe in England.

Captain Jennings, of the steamer Colina, from Glasgow, reports having passed 300 icebergs, 110 at one time being counted with the naked eye between Belle Isle and Point Amour. Perhaps an ice trust has these bergs in tow in order to freeze out the ice dealers.

Four more bodies were found yesterday at Johnstown.

There will be no state fair this year; let all come to Centre Hall, Sept. 17.

Rev. Reber will be installed in the Lutheran church at Rebersburg next Sabbath.

Had a very heavy thunder gust on Wednesday afternoon, accompanied by storm.

Dr. Stam is about opening a new store in the vacant hotel building at Spring Mills.

Hail large as hen's eggs in Clinton county Wednesday afternoon and much damage done.

Rev. James Arney is here, visiting his aged mother and other friends. He is accompanied by his youngest daughter.

Lewisburg is excited over the report that while the corpse of Mrs. Seales was being embalmed there were knocks and screams from under the floor, yet the house has no cellar under it. There is great terror among the women of the town.

Henry Steele, of near Granville, Mifflin county, entered a water closet, and without inspecting the seat, which was occupied by a copperhead snake, was bitten by the reptile. After much pain and suffering whisky and a doctor brought him through the danger.

Obituary.

After an illness of about four months duration, the spirit of William Gettig took its leave of what was mortal, and went to meet its God in Heaven. This event taking place at half past three o'clock Tuesday morning, July 30. Deceased was born December 31, 1835, thus being at the time of his death aged 53 years, 6 months and 29 days.

The disease was at first pronounced dropsy at the heart, but after a further examination by the attending physicians, it was discovered that the disease actually was Bright's disease of kidneys, and that it was too far gone to effect a cure.

Deceased was born near the village of Madisonburg, this county. He was the son of Jacob and Anna Gettig, and was the third of a family of eight children. The father, an older brother, elder and younger brother preceded him in the spirit world. William was but 15 years old when his father died and the oldest, (his older brother and sister being dead) He together with the others supported his mother and smaller children. He worked for his mother until he was over 25 years old.

Mr. Gettig was a member of the Reformed church till of late, when he cast his lot with the Evangelical church and lived a true and consistent life to the end and died in the full triumph of a Christian faith, at various times during his last illness expressing his willingness to go home to his maker. He was also a member of the patrons of husbandry in good standing. He united with Reformed church in 1876, and remained a true and consistent member of said church until after removing to Penns. Valley, when he united with Victor grade No. 159, and remained an active member of said grade until death.

On September 27, 1861, he was married to Eliza N. Wolf, by Rev. Jacob Hartzler, of the Evangelical church, and was the father of eleven children viz: Samuel B., the writer, a law student with District Attorney Meyer, Bellefonte; W. Emory, clerk in Bellefonte; C. Regina, Charles C., doing the farming; S. Elizabeth, Henry C., J. Andrew, Emma E., dead and interred in the Hoversville cemetery, Valeria L., George L., and John E.

He was a kind and affectionate husband, a loving father and a kind and obliging neighbor, and many there are who will hold the name of William Gettig in grateful remembrance.

The funeral took place Friday, August 2, at Zion's Evangelical church, followed by a large concourse of neighbors and friends. His aged mother, who is nearly 82 years old, was present at the funeral and was much afflicted. Rev. Vought officiated, assisted by Rev. T. J. Fredericks.

He is now sleeping the long sleep, awaiting the sounding of Gabriel's trumpet on the resurrection morn.

May his ashes rest in peace.
Dearest father, thou hast left us,
Here thy loss we deeply feel;
But we know God has bereft us,
And he can our sorrows heal.
Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the storms of life have died,
And in Heaven above to greet thee,
Where no farewell tears are shed.
Oh, we miss thee dearest father,
No more here we'll hear thy voice;
Yet we know it we love Jesus,
Soon we shall meet you in His arms.
Yes we know the angels met you,
Bede you welcome to that home;
From whose fair and blessed portals,
You will never wish to roam.
On your head a crown of glory
Sparkles dazzling to the high heaven;
While in spotless robes of beauty,
They have decked your form of light.
So brothers and sisters do not sorrow,
In this parting we remain;
For we know that our loss is
Our father's eternal gain.
S. D. GETTIG.

Aaronsburg.

F. S. Wolf, of Girard, Kansas, who visited friends and relatives during the past two weeks has again started homeward. He has charge of a railroad office at the above place.

Rev. J. A. Bright just returned from a trip across the Atlantic and a visit to London, where he attended the World's Sunday School Convention and to Paris to the Exposition, delivered a lecture in the Lutheran church on Monday evening last. The gentleman had the misfortune to be relieved of his valise while on the cars between Philadelphia and New York. The passengers on the steamship on which he sailed made him up a purse so that on his arrival in London he bought a suit of clothes, etc.

Abraham Mingle is very ill and not expected to recover, with brain fever. The attending physician has no hopes at all for him.

Miss Jennie Medler of Altoona and Miss Mary Huston of Clearfield, niece of Col. Coburn, are visiting at that gentleman's place.

Rev. Z. A. Yearick has resigned here and accepted a call from Mercersburg, Franklin co. Pa., and will move there the coming October.

Mr. H. A. Mingle who had been quite sick is again able to be about.

The attempt to burn the property of Chas. Bell, by some unknown parties has caused the insurance companies to cancel their policies.

Clayton Leitner was arrested in Sugar Valley last week and placed in jail at Look Haven, charged with having forged an order on his employer.

Death of Judge Irwin.

John Irwin, Jr., of Bellefonte, died at his home, on Wednesday afternoon, 14, aged 84 years. A stroke of paralysis, some two weeks ago, was the cause of his death.

Judge Irwin was well known all over the county and was a very excellent man, upright in all things, and respected by all who knew him.

BIRD CAGES AT COST.

I have on hand a lot of brass and painted bird cages which I will sell at and below cost. Come early.
J. D. MURRAY.

A big picnic will be held by half dozen Sabbath schools in Brumgards woods in the east end of Brumgardsville, on Sat. 24.

Musical College.—The 38th session of six weeks, opens Monday evening, July 29, for the teaching of young ladies in vocal and instrumental music. Address, F. C. MOYER, Director, Freeburgh, Pa.

Robert McFarlane's hardware store in Bellefonte is headquarters for the celebrated Link Fence Wire. Having bought a car load before the recent advance in price, he is able to sell at very low rates. The link wire has stood the test of several years in our county and has proven first class in all respects. It is so easy to handle and put up and weighs a little less than the rod than any other. Write for prices.