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Cleveland and Boies would take with the boys.

From all parts of the county comes intelligence of numerous cases of lagrippe.

Chief clerk Kerr has about thirty-five holes to fill end about 1000 pegs willing to be fillers.

Judge Finletter, of Philadelphia, says every voter must pay his own taxes, and nobody can pay them for him. Here is what he says: "The right to vote is not a gift. It is a right earned by the voter by age, by citizenship, by residence for a fixed period, and by having paid a State or county tax duly assessed. Each and all of these things must be done by the voter, and cannot be done by anyone else. No one has the power to make a qualified voter—the voter must qualify himself."

The Mexican government fears that the villages adjacent to the volcano of Calima will share the fate of Pompeii, and has therefore ordered the villagers to abandon their homes and move to places of safety. The volcano is now vomiting great volumes of lava, ashes and smoke, and the country for miles around is illuminated by the grand display. Strong winds carry the ashes a distance of 400 miles. A large party of scientists from various parts of Mexico have gone to visit the grand phenomenon.

There is nothing in history more pathetic than the desire of Dom Pedro, the deposed Emperor of Brazil, to have a bag of Brazilian earth, which he had carried with him in his wanderings in exile over the earth deposited with him in his coffin in the old family vault in Lisbon. It betokened a feeling of genuine sentiment which the brutal mob and lawless horde which drove him from his chosen land could scarcely be expected to appreciate. We have so many irreparable monarchs, inferior to the people which they rule, that this example of one who was superior should be noted.

The Supreme Court of New York State has decided that property purchased "entirely with pension money is exempt from taxation." The case in question was brought by a collector in Broome county against "Blind Henry" Wright. About a year ago Wright was living in Susquehanna and was granted a pension of \$72 a month and arrearages amounting to nearly \$12,000. The larger portion of this he invested in real estate in Broome county, N. Y. He refused to pay taxes when the collector called, and the suit was brought with the above result. It is a decision that will interest many veterans.

In Ohio the Senatorial fight is becoming hotter every day, and the lines are now closely enough drawn to make possible a fair estimate of what the situation really is. Just after the election the Sherman men brought to the front their entire force and made the greatest display possible, evidently with the hope of driving their opponents out of the field without a fair contest of strength. The Foraker men understood that this would be a part of the plan of the campaign, and without naming or claiming any members, except those who were willing to come forward and make statements of their preferences, quietly went on with the work and the fight. The Sherman boom has now for more than a week spent its entire strength, and the Sherman men are at the present writing very badly frightened as to the situation. There can be no mistake that ex Governor Foraker has decidedly the best of the fight, and if he can keep his strength he will be nominated by the Republican Senatorial caucus with a very handsome majority.

If the public may believe stories that come from Dwight, Ill., which is the location of Dr. Keeley's institute for the treatment of drunkards and their cure by the bichloride of gold process, this gold method is turning gold into Dr. Keeley's pocket at a very rapid rate. There is said to be an average of 600 to 700 patients at Dwight, each one of whom pays \$25 per week for treatment. Estimated on a basis of only 500 patients this would mean an income of \$750,000 a year. In addition to this income vast number of patients are treated by mail. Patients who have been at Dwight estimate Dr. Keeley's income at anywhere between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 per annum. He employs a great corps of men, including ten physicians, to assist him in his work, but his expenses must be very light, compared with his income and his bichloride of gold remedy promises to make him as rich as patent medicines in the last quarter of a century.

## Crisp's Tariff Ideas.

The following extract from a speech of Mr. Crisp on the McKinley bill, shows what kind of tariff reform Speaker Crisp favors: I can suggest a plan of relief for the farmer in five minutes. Modify the existing tariff laws; reduce taxation; permit some reasonable competition in the market; destroy trusts; accord equal rights to all and special privileges to none. Do these things, and you will help him. Give the farmer free salt. That would help a little. You give it to the fisherman on the coast of Maine and on the coast of Massachusetts; why not give it to the farmer? Give him free bagging, in which the farmer of the West sucks his corn, and with which the farmer in the South wraps his cotton. Give him free iron ties, with which in the South he binds his cotton bales and with which in the West he bales his hay.

Give him some reduction on his hats, on his woolen clothes, and on his cotton goods. In that way, and in that way only, can you benefit the great mass of the farmers of the South and West. You cannot increase the price of their products by protective tariff duties, but you can decrease to them the cost of production and of living, by reducing the tariff on those articles used to make their crops and on those articles of necessity which all families must use. These ideas should meet the views of every farm r.

## Wallace is a Standing Example.

From the Hazleton Sentinel.

If William A. Wallace's idea would only take root, that is the idea of sending good men to the Legislature, would be the best monument to him. The smallness of the average legislator is exasperating to the taxpayers. They have little idea of what they are sent there for. They come home to act the demagogue. They produce a batch of "labor" bills which they exhibit as their record, when the bills are of no earthly use to the laborer, or to anyone else unless it be the blatant individual who makes votes out of their titles as "labor bills."

The coal regions have sent men to the Legislature who were manifestly unfitted for anything that required average common sense. Harder things might be said against them with truth. We shall, perhaps, keep on sending worthless men to Harrisburg unless men like Mr. Wallace set the fashion, and then, perhaps, we may get a good Legislature that will give us sound laws of benefit to all sorts and conditions.

Governor Pattison a few days ago issued his proclamation announcing that the State debt had been reduced during the year \$2,538,352. The Philadelphia Times says: "He did not state that if the auditor general and state treasurer had enforced the law they were sworn to obey another million of the State debt might have been paid out of the money due the State and collected for the State by John Bardsley. He could truthfully have done so, and all honest Pennsylvanians would have held him justified in calling attention to these facts." It is a fact, however, that the State senate voted it had "no jurisdiction," even to the extent of removing the faithless officials from office.

## The Delinquents Must Pay Up.

The County Commissioners have sent out notices to the tax collectors throughout the county that they must settle up their 1890 duplicates within the next few days. There is a good bit of 1890 tax unpaid to the collectors and it now has become a compulsory matter with the various collectors to pay the said tax, otherwise the collector will be obliged to collect the same through process of law.

Under the present law, passed at the recent session of the State Legislature, collectors are given three months after the expiration of their year in which to make all their collections and settle up their duplicate. If not done by that time the county commissioners are empowered to enforce the payment of the amount of balance due on the duplicate, whether collected or not. Thus it will be seen that when the tax collector insists on being paid any tax you may owe him he does it because he is compelled to do so by the powers higher than himself. Therefore it will save trouble for yourself, as well as the tax collector, if you still owe taxes for 1890 that you pay the same at once.

Of the Alliance senators it is said, on the authority of members of the Democratic caucus, that in the assignments Senators Kyle and Irby will be considered as Democrats and treated as such, while Senator Peffer will be left with the places given him by the Republicans.

If in need of Fall and Winter underwear, don't forget the fact that the Philad. Branch has received a full and elegant line. Call and examine quality and price and you will be convinced that better cannot be done elsewhere.

## A Granger's Advice.

In his annual address the Worthy Master of the Michigan State Grange gave the grangers to understand that the greatest blessing would result from firm grappling of the great abuses and drawbacks of the average farmer and an effort to correct them than from independent political action, and advised them to steer clear of politics outlined by any political party.

He further said that the calamity will in which some of them have been indulging was not in keeping with this year's bountiful harvest and urged that they be abandoned and attention given to broader fields of education. Boards of Trade were denounced as gambling institutions, trusts and combinations scored and the necessity for more stringent legislation in the interests of the people dwelt upon at large.

From this we conclude that the Master of the Michigan State Grange is not an office-seeking crank.

## "Ten Per Cent. Discount"

Harrisburg Patriot.

In discussing "the modern minister," a few nights ago at the annual dinner of the Drew theological seminary alumni one of the ablest of the clergymen present said, "The minister of this day must be a man among men. The less there is of the preacher about him the better." The explanation of this was not the preacher should seek low associates or be ashamed of or seek to conceal his calling, but that he should be manly, prudent, living in the world and working in it.

Probably the most practical illustration of the real meaning of his language was given by the clergyman himself when he said: "I get every year from John Wanamaker a circular offering me clerical-cut cloth at ten per cent. discount but I have no use for Wanamaker's clerical cuts and ten per cent. discounts." Here is the whole of it. Why should a clergyman any more than a school teacher, or an editor, or a lawyer or a stenographer, or a clerk, or a day laborer get his clothes or anything else at a ten per cent. reduction? Why, indeed, should a clergyman ever permit himself to be put in the light of a suppliant for favors when his calling ought to make him one of the most self-dependent of men?

The minister holds an exalted place in the community and among his fellows. That position can be best used for the greatest good by the preacher rising above all narrowness and selfishness, and standing the equal of any man in power and influence secured by his own manliness and personality. Whenever he rises above "ten per cent. discounts" he will find himself more than ten per cent. higher in public estimation.

## Badly Scalded.

Jeweler Musser, of Main street, met with a painful accident on last Monday, which will disable him for work for some time. He was in the act of carrying a kettle full of hot water from the back kitchen into the yard when he stumbled and fell, spilling the steaming contents of the kettle over his arms. He was badly scalded, the flesh being drawn in blisters. When falling he was near a window through which he broke with his head the glass, cutting his face in several places. He is able to be about and feels glad that his injuries are not worse, as they easily might have been.—Millheim Journal.

## School Children Happy.

When the run was made on the Phillipsburg Bank and it was compelled to suspend payment, \$1,425 was on deposit in that institution by the school children of that borough. Last week Mr. O. P. Jones made arrangements by which each of the 355 young depositors could obtain their money. This is a very commendable act on the part of Mr. Jones, who assures all the full amount. The children will not soon forget Mr. Jones for this effort in their behalf.

## Christmas and New Year Excursions on the P. R. R.

In pursuance of the custom long since established, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets between all stations on its lines for the Christmas and New Year holidays at a rate of two cents per mile. These tickets will be sold December 23d, 1891, to January 1st, 1892, inclusive, valid for return until January 4th, 1892, inclusive.

## Hazleton a City.

Governor Pattison, Friday last, ordered that letters patent should be issued to Hazleton as a city of the third class. This is a victory for the newspaper men and enterprising citizens of that place, against the liquor element who were opposed to the formation of a city, on account of the increase of the liquor license to \$500.

## Thousands of Families.

bless the day when they learned the use of Humphreys' Specifics Nos. One and Seven. Cough Colds, Bronchitis and Sore Throat were always cured by them.

## Invented a Patent Gate.

Spear Burrell, a son of Samuel Barrell, of Spring Mills, has invented a railroad gate, upon which he has received letters patent from the department at Washington. The gate is intended to do away with the present cattle guards which do not fully do the service for which they are intended. The gate patented by Mr. Burrell promises to revolutionize the present system and will provide an effective debarment of stock, etc., from intruding on lands through which a railroad passes. The gate is automatic in operation and is opened on the approach of a train by a series of levers upon the track and immediately after the train passes through it closes again.

We understand Mr. Burrell has been offered several thousand dollars for his patent, but cannot give it as authentic. We hope however he will realize handsomely from his inventive genius.

## Verdict for Defendant.

The case of James Sommerville and the Bird Coal & Iron Company, of Centre County, vs. Berwind-White Coal Mining Company, of Philadelphia, Clearfield and New York, which had been on trial at Bellefonte, for several days before Judges Furst, Rhoads, and Albright and a jury has been closed with a victory for the defendant.

This was a claim for royalty on many thousand tons of coal taken from the lands of the Bird Coal & Iron Company by Sommerville, and sold to Berwind-White Coal Mining Company on a sliding scale price based on the royalty, which defendant, it was alleged, agreed to pay.

Sommerville settled with defendant, monthly and claimed the price he received from the company did not include all royalty due, and with his co-plaintiff alleged notice to the late Charles F. Berwind, president of the defendant company, of these facts and averred that the latter promised to pay the royalty not received.

The officers of the Bird Coal & Iron Company testified in corroboration of these allegations, but the jury, after a hotly contested trial, found a verdict for the defendant, Berwind-White Coal Mining Company.

## Look Out for Them.

We would warn our readers to be on the lookout for certain unprincipled parties who are traveling through the county selling spectacles. They pretend to understand all about eyes and all offer you a pair of glasses that will benefit your eyes to a wonderful extent. They will ask you five dollars a pair, but if you refuse to pay, they will drop gradually to one dollar or even less. It is needless to add that the glasses are worthless affairs and would be dear at 25 cents a dozen. Of course there are some honest spectacle peddlers on the road, but they are easily distinguished from the frauds.

## A New Point in Law.

A Johnstown constable had his eyes opened on a new point of law a few days ago. He went to Homer City, Indiana county, to arrest a man whom he found at work in the mines. When the constable attempted to make the arrest the miner laughed him to scorn, saying that according to a certain new law, arrests could not be made under the ground. The constable went out to look up this point and then the miner made good his escape.

## Suitable Christmas Presents.

If you want to purchase a nice Christmas gift for your friends do not fail to visit the Ladies' Bazaar this Saturday afternoon and night. Bazaar rooms are over the bank, and a variety of articles will be found there to satisfy the tastes of all. Come and see us. BAZAAR.

## Pastor of One Church Twenty Years.

The twentieth anniversary of Rev. L. Kryder Evans, pastor of the Trinity Reformed church, at Pottstown, was celebrated on Sunday with special service. During the time he has been pastor Trinity's congregation has increased from 350 to 700 members. Rev. Evans is a son of James Evans, of Gregg township, this county.

## Musical Convention.

Rebersburg will have a musical convention in the Reformed church at that place beginning on Monday evening, December 22nd and close on Saturday evening, Jan. 2nd. Prof. P. H. Meyer of Linden Hall, will conduct the same assisted at the organ by Miss Laura Johnson, of Jacksonville.

## Save 20 per cent. buying Boots and shoes at—C. P. Long, Spring Mills.

Mr. Harry Bibighaus, the well-known hardware salesman, is in town this week. Mr. Bibighaus while here presented the Reporter office with two fine pair of the indispensable scissors for which we are very grateful.

If in need of anything in the boot or shoe line don't forget that Mingle, Bellefonte, has the finest line in the state from which to select. He guarantees all goods and you have good returns for your money.

## PERILOUS UNDEXTAKING.

The Difficulty that was Experienced in Burying Mr. Johnston.

James Johnston, the man whose back was broken last summer by being thrown from a hand-car on the Beech Creek railroad, says the Phillipsburg Ledger, died on Saturday at his home near Kaylor's Mill. When he was hurt he was brought to the Phillipsburg hospital. There was no hope of his recovery, and as it was supposed that he could only live a short time, he was kept at the hospital and made as comfortable as possible. To the surprise of everyone the man did not die, and after several weeks was taken to his home, where he lingered until Saturday, when death mercifully came to his relief. He leaves a wife and several children. They are very poor and Johnston was buried by the township overseers of the poor. The circumstances attending the burial are noteworthy on account of the difficulties attending it. Undertaker Richard Haworth had great difficulty in finding the locality of Johnston's home, which lay down on Moshannon creek, below Kylertown. The house is on the right bank of the stream, in a wild, lonely spot remote from other houses and almost inaccessible. The approach to it is by a narrow, rickety foot bridge which spans the creek, which on Sunday was swollen by the recent rains to a raging torrent. The coffin had to be carried across the bridge and the task, after several attempts was accomplished by making a harness of straps fastened to each end of the coffin and buckled around the shoulders of two men who, by clinging to the single hand rail, succeeded in getting across, although the trail bridge swayed and sank with their weight until the swift current splashed over it. After the body was placed in the coffin the men started back. They found that with the additional weight of the corpse the bridge would not bear them, and after several ineffectual attempts to carry it over, they finally got it over by rigging a harness to the stoutest man who then dragged it over, with much difficulty and peril. There was no minister present, no mourners and no funeral services were held over the poor fellow's body.

Mr. Haworth says that altogether it was the most troublesome and painful piece of business he ever took part in, and almost sickened him of undertaking.

## Sudden Death.

Mr. David Henny, an old resident of Potters Mills, died a few days ago very suddenly of heart disease. His age was about 80 years. He was a member of the Evangelical church.

## Weather has been very changeable this week.

Weather prophet Hicks missed it slightly in his predictions for December.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Harter spent Sunday in Hartleton with relatives.

Thursday morning showed a little snow on the ground—weather cold and windy.

Large stock of clothing for men, boys and children.—C. P. Long, Spring Mills.

D. R. Musser, of Spring Mills, gave us a call, and reports farmers busy plowing in Gregg.

"She couldn't marry three," goosh, said a feller who saw it on the bills, I could marry half a dozen.

Mr. John P. Runkel, of Turneyville, is suffering from a very sore foot, caused by the tramp of a horse.

George Swab keeps up the Harris township end by killing two hawks that dressed some 840 pounds.

J. D. Murray opens the heavy porker season, by slaughtering two that dressed 809 lbs. Next.

Our hunters had their bear hung up in the window of Runkle's meat market, and it attracted no little attention.

The State Grange of Pennsylvania has recommended free text books in the public schools of the commonwealth.

The reason we lead the shoe trade is because we best satisfy the people for a genuine bargain.—Mingle Bellefonte

Ed. Wolf, student at Gettysburg Theological Seminary, arrived home on Monday evening for his holiday vacation.

The big musical convention at Boalsburg will open on Monday eve, Jan. 11th, closing on Friday evening. Leading instrumentalists and vocalists have been engaged.

Attention! If you are in arrears on the Reporter a number of years, we expect your remittance before Jan. 1st next. We certainly have shown all reasonable patience in this matter.

A number of sidewalks in town need repairing and should be attended to at once. It is poor policy to put off the good work until after some one has been so unfortunate as to break a limb.

Every well-dressed gentleman get his clothing from the Philad. Branch Bellefonte. They can fit you out in anything you want, at a big bargain. You'll miss it greatly if you don't call to see his stock.

## Get Value for Your Money.

THE PITTSBURGH WEEKLY POST ought to be in every family. It contains more good reading matter, news, correspondence and selected miscellany than any other paper offered for the same money. Ninety-six columns 52 times a year for \$1.25 or \$1 in clubs of five or more. THE WEEKLY POST will keep readers informed on the events of the day in every department of human activity, furnish a large amount of magazine reading, market, financial and commercial news, plenty of illustrations to brighten the pages, and fresh editorial comment. THE WEEKLY POST is carefully prepared and cannot fail to satisfy the most exacting. The year 1892 will be an exciting one and THE POST will reflect everything truthfully and brightly.

If you want to see the paper send your name and address to THE POST, Pittsburgh, and a copy will be mailed to you for the asking. Information on clubs and other subjects will be given on application. THE WEEKLY POST is a first class publication, well worth much more than the subscription price. We know a great many people who take it and have for years, and they have only good words for its manifold excellencies. The fact is the house-hold that once gets accustomed to THE POST rarely if ever discards it. It makes itself a necessity wherever it becomes a visitor. If you have never taken it give it a trial. You will get more newspaper value for your money than you ever dreamed of before.

## They Were Tied.

The difficulties of the Pennsylvania law concerning marriage licenses sometime throw around couples who aspire to matrimonial honors are numerous, and it is not every such instance that sees the problem so happily solved as was the case of a couple at Meadville recently. The prospective bride and groom, happy in the anticipation of a blissful consummation of their conjugal aspirations, smilingly greeted the Clerk of Courts and asked for a license. The bride looked to be of age, but the question necessary to a proper filling out of the license discovered that she was not. It also transpired that she was an orphan, and that no guardian had yet been appointed for her. Here was a dilemma. The law expressly requires that minors, in order to secure a marriage license, must have the consent of parents or guardian. Observing the disappointment of the couple, the Clerk remarked that as court was then in session he might be able to secure the proper action and have a guardian, and libitum, appointed so that matters could proceed. This was agreed to and a few minutes later the Judge was acquainted with the facts and, without materially disturbing the progress of the court business, the application was promptly granted and an obliging attorney, who happened to be right there, was appointed as the young lady's guardian. Five minutes later, the newly appointed guardian was introduced to his ward and her prospective husband, and in a truly paternal manner gave his consent to the union, and the law being satisfied, the waiting minister did the rest.

## Invitations Issued.

Invitations were issued on the 10th inst., for the wedding of R. Porter Odenkirk, son of Mr. John Odenkirk, of Old Fort hotel, and Miss Kate Sankey, at the home of the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. John Sankey, about two miles west of Centre Hall, on Tuesday, December 22nd.

## Marriage at Spring Mills.

On Sunday evening at the home of the bride at Spring Mills, Mr. Scott McMurtree and Miss Emaline Gramley, both residents of Spring Mills, were united in marriage by Mr. M. L. Rishel, J. P.

## A Barn and Its Contents Destroyed by Fire.

A barn on the dairy farm of Jacob Ricker, in Nittany Valley, was burned on Sunday night with its contents, including seventeen cows, five horses, three colts, 700 bushels wheat, forty tons hay and 1,800 bushels corn. The loss is not estimated.

## He Can Hustle Cakes Away.

The Nipponese Ledger says Charles Frick is a hustler. One evening recently he ate eighty-six buckwheat cakes for supper, and the Ledger will offer fifty dollars for any persons who will beat this record.

## Bargain Day in Hosiery.

On Saturday, the 19th, the Cash Bazaar will have a special sale of woolen hosiery at and below cost. Every person attend these bargain days.

## CASH BAZAAR, Bellefonte.

## He Also Paid Additional Fare.

A passenger going from Tyrone to Birmingham, a few days ago, refused to pay his fare of nine cents on the cars. He was arrested on Thursday morning by Officer Barr and taken to Altoona, where it cost him \$9.41 before he got through with it.