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Centre hall, Pa., Thurs. Jan. 31
that brid book.
Some members of the legislature mers by printing the Birddbook, at
cost of sioo,oo, and distributing it is to containa picture of all the differ ent breds of birds in Pennsylvania, copy of the Bird-bookk The farme are not atter a birid.book, but are are ask-
ng for legislation that will lesen tax ation They are asking for bread and
and eyes by giving a few of them a stone eentre county representatives will not be caught voting for such nonsense,
and offer their constiuents, woo are stantinL
What do the farmers of Centre county and of Pennsylvania want with pic live ones, a-warbiling and a-sing ing
rightat their doors, on the house-tops, on the yard fences, cheerily slipping
thro the shrubbery ana trees all around giving free and sweet roncersts from
morning twilight until dusky eve? We venture to assert this ber, indeed find its way to the drawing room What doest the farmer want with real, live article around him? there's
nit the robin and the oriole and the wren
and the blue-bird and bluejay and peevee and martin and red-head and
sparrow and wood-cock and hum bird and lark and quail and pheessant ers, large and small, a-eeetting and on the insects that are harming hi

The farmer is asking for legislation tree tops. green six months in the year, and any one thinks the farmer is green
may turn out to be a big mistake.

## more places for pets

The party peta are being taken cen at Harristourg by the creation nice new places, Aprominent Reput
lican daily admits the fact in the fol
tions of this session is the the inergesed
number of leres provided for the various House committees Herthe var ry out of its own membership. Thii is fashionable no longer, and now ev
ery committee of any importance i it at the expense of the State. Unless
the present Legislature is careful it will be remembered principally for it
increase of political places. A bill pending in the Senate for an increase ill in departments. There is anothe he placing upon the pay roll of th fice-holders to be paid at the expens ess in connection with this multiplici the authority for their appoin problems that should be consideresting fore any more clerks are appointed."

A BrLL has been offered in the legi erection of a new capitol. Should our lawmakers at Harrisburg so far forget
hemselves as to pass a bill for the building of a new capitol, the ten mil-
lions will grow to 25 millions when and with a new capitol we would also lons to be paid by new debt of 15 miluntaxed real estate which has been since 1868. In the erection of a new wants to veto the job if ever it reaches OUR county is represented in the weatern pententiary by 14 prisoners,
and in the state legislature by two Repast year have gained a credit for the county on their labor, of $\$ 210,75$ at 35 8843.80 more than county paying this balance. The two
members in the legislature cost $\$ \$ 500$ for the session of three or four months,
while the earnings are nil. Now fuat see bow much money would be saved by sending atl members of the legisla-
ture to the penitentirg

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Krise say The frequent per of some of the names of my many
riends and old neighbors in Penns valley suggested to my mind that per-
haps a letter from the Flood City haps a letter from
would be appreciated. Johnstown, as most of your readers know lies at the western base of the Alleghenies, just as Altoona lies at the
base on the eastern side, and the two base on the eastern side, and the two
cities are often spoken of as the twi cities of the Alleghenies. Just west o
Johnstown is Laurel Hill mountain, nd about six miles from it is Chest
nut ridge, beyond which there are no more mountains untilithe Roekies are
reached. reached.
The pani
The panic struck our place about
one ear ago last June, and since then one year ago last June, and since the
business hasgbeen in a semi-paralyzed condition. Hundreds of people have been out of work since then and had
it not been for the various relief and haritable associations many would
have starved. Many, very many are at the present time ind destitute circumhose who are fortunate enough to living as extravagantly as ever.
This city has changed very much western citie much more than it did before. Be-
fore the flood there were ten incorporated boroughs here; after the flood,
veven of these consolidated making city of 2400 inhabitants. Since then
six more towns have been incorporatsd more towns have been incorporat-
ed int boroughs making nine towns ell touching Johnstown. The small
est these is as large as Centre Hall
and teach is as large as Bellefonte. The Morrellville school board this year
built an eight-roomed school house costing 816,000 , and had to go in debt
for the whole of it. Johnstown this year built an $\$ 18,000$ school house, last
year a $\$ 10,000$ four-roomed house; the year before a $\$ 28,000$ eight-roomed
house, and have just now bought a lot
for $\$ 10,000$ on which they expect to for $\$ 10,000$ on which they expect to
build a $\$ 20,000$ house next summer; one hundred thousand dollars put into
secool houses inside of three years.
All the houses are All the houses are seated with single
desks. Double desks are out of style
here. Well they should be out here. Well they should be out
style. Directors who, in this age
progress, school-houses, are miserly cranks.
P. J. Auman, formerly of Spring Mill who clerked for the P. R. R., but was
laid off with othors when the forces
were reduced at the were reduced at the beginning of the
panic, bas been elected principal o the Rox bury schools, to fill a vacancy
caused by the resignation of the principal; salary su0. Roxbury joins the
city on the south.west and is as large
as Centre Hall. It was only made as Centre Hall. It was only made
into a borough last summer.
This is a city of churches and saloons. Last New year eve I attended
a watch meeting in the Preshyterian a watch meethg in; we had literary ex-
church in the city
ercises first, then a social and handshaking season, and then a prayer
meeting until 12.05 when we bade the meeting untin 1205 when we bade the
New Year weleome and went home.
Sowe of your readers never heard of a Soute of your readers never heard of a
wath meeting in a Presyterian
church. Well this is an age of progress and "de sun do move" as ser
geant Jasper says,
I said this is a city of churches and saloons; I should add and of secret so ieties; there are about one hundre
secret orders in this place. Among the people I meet in Mor
rellville are two brothers of Amo OVerdorf, who formerly lived at Cen
tre Hall. They are well fixed finan cially; in the city there is anothe brother, Dr. Overdorf.
Mrs. Rev. J. K. Miller has moved to James Shires, formerly of Potters
Mills is now in the oil business and doing well.


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