

A Chinese Auction.
The Celestial always seems to do things differently from other nations and men. Perhaps nowhere is this more apparent than at an auction sale in China. To a stranger it is a most curious spectacle. It is a quiet, solemn proceeding, perfect silence being preserved the whole time. In this particular it is unlike the noise and confusion that usually reign on like occasions in this part of the world. The auctioneer leans over a slightly elevated counter and exhibits his wares. He says nothing, neither does the bidder, who merely steps forward to the auctioneer and rums his fingers up his sleeve, making pressures on the salesman's arm, indicating in this manner how much he is willing to pay for the article. Then another and another repeat the action until the one signifying the highest price receives the article without a word being exchanged on either side. Only the auctioneer and the successful bidder know the price offered and accepted. The opportunity for favoritism in this method is apparent, and doubtless is often acted upon.

Improved Dust-Pan.
A dust-pan has been invented which differs from the ordinary type in having a receptacle in which the sweepings may be temporarily stored and from which they may be conveniently discharged when desired. This prevents scattering of the dust round the room as the pan is carried from place to place. The receptacle is placed at the rear end of the pan and has the form of a cylinder with two slots or openings, one leading into an auxiliary chamber below the pan proper, and the other lying at the top of the incline of the pan. These are adapted to be covered by a pair of gates which may be swung to open or closed position by a turn of the handle at the end of the receptacle. When using the pan the upper slot is uncovered and the dirt is swept up into the receptacle. On closing this opening the other slot is uncovered and the dirt may enter the auxiliary chamber. A cap at the end of the receptacle may be removed to permit emptying the pan. The handle of the pan is provided with a disinfectant which, by means of a plunger, may be forced into the receptacle to disinfect the accumulated dirt.

Dish Washing in Winter.
Housekeepers naturally dread dish washing in winter, owing to the fact that chills and colds are often contracted. Much of the injury, however, results from the use of lime soap. If Ivory Soap is used in wash water, and the hands are carefully washed and dried, they will not get p. — EXAMINER, P. P. EXPR.

The total number of students at the German universities during the last summer was 45,775.

Longest Bridge in the World.
The longest bridge in the world is the Lion Bridge, near Sangang, in China. It extends five and a quarter miles over an arm of the Yellow Sea, and is supported by 300 huge stone arches. The roadway is seventy feet above the water and is enclosed in an iron network.

Beware of Ostentatious For Catarrh That Contains Mercury.
As mercury will surely destroy the senses of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co., Testimonials free.
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Death Too Expensive.
It is a significant fact that with the phenomenal increase in the price of coffins has come a marked decrease of mortality among local Chinese. The natives just simply cannot afford to die at the present undertaking rates, and that's all there is to it.—Shanghai Times.

Nearly half the immigrants arriving in America come under the fostering care of the Roman Catholic Church.

Coughs
"My wife had a deep-seated cough for three years. I purchased two bottles of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, large size, and it cured her completely."
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The County Commissioners offer a reward of \$100 for the arrest of Homer Quarry, who is wanted for the killing of Charles Miller at Woodbury on the night of November 7.

THE KEYSTONE STATE

Latest News of Pennsylvania Told in Short Order.

W. L. Mathews, State Treasurer-elect, was tendered a dinner and reception by the members of the Media Republican Club and friends to the number of 300. Congressman Thomas S. Butler was the only out-of-town speaker. Mr. Butler, in his speech of congratulation, took occasion to predict the passage of legislation for the deepening of the Delaware river channel. Mr. Mathews, in his speech, predicted that if the Delaware river channel is widened and deepened that Chester will become the iron center of Pennsylvania.

District Attorney Lichtenswainer decided in the case of the murder of Mabel Bechtel, he will bring additional charges of accessories before the fact against the girl's mother, her sister, Myrtha, her two brothers, Charles and John, and her affianced lover, Alois Eckstein, all of whom are under bail, charged as accessories after the fact. He will also prosecute several of these persons for murder, but declines to specify which he will prosecute.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will soon commence extensive building operations in Coatesville. The company purchased from H. Graham Rambo the tract of land lying between Chestnut and Coates streets and Fifth and Sixth avenues, where it will erect new passenger and freight stations.

While Miss Laura B. Reaney, teacher of chemistry at the Chester High School, was conducting a demonstration a chemical liquid in a large bottle exploded and the blaze shot high in the room. Miss Reaney calmly called to several of her pupils to remove the bowl, which was thrown from a window.

Living in a hole in the ground and getting what he could eat from the boys in the neighborhood has been the mode of existence of J. S. Porter, colored, 17 years old, of Erie, for the last month. Detective Detzel discovered his home and his hiding place, a hole about six feet deep dug in the ground.

Miss Emma Gebhard and Miss Lizzie Schumacher, girls, were drowned in the Delaware river, Port Jarvis. They were crossing to Mattamoras, their home, in a ferry boat, which capsized. Their escort, Frank Allman, was carried down stream half a mile and then rescued. The accident was caused by the breaking of the boat's cable.

The Beaver Valley Traction Company, which operates fifteen miles of street car lines in Beaver Valley, has mortgaged its entire holdings to the Northern Trust Company of Philadelphia for \$3,000,000, and will use the money to extend the lines to meet the West End Road at Corapolis and the Newcastle Street Railway at Mahoningtown.

Residents at Avoca are buying lamps and candles to burn in case the electric light company at that place does not rescind its recent order advancing the price of electric lighting 60 per cent. There is no gas in the town.

John Hornberger, a Mahanoy Valley farmer, enraged at a party of seven trespassing hunters crossing his fields, discharged a gun at them, several being wounded in the legs by shot. One of the party returned the fire, wounding Hornberger on the face and arms, after which they disappeared.

The American Bridge Company will begin the work of erecting five new open-hearth furnaces at the South Sharon works of the Carnegie Steel Company. The cost will be upwards of a quarter of a million dollars.

Writs are being prepared to bring back to Pottsville Victor and Filbert Paoli, who went to Italy a year ago after the murder of Giacomo Marasco. They are already under arrest and will be tried in January.

Thieves entered the cigar warehouse of L. R. Brown, at Brownstown, and stole 5000 stamped cigars. They effected an entrance to the building by cutting out a portion of the side wall.

Dragged for a half mile, close to the hoofs of a runaway team, and beneath an overturned carriage, was the experience of Drs. J. Harry Swaving and W. G. Hoefler, of Pottsville. Being wrapped in heavy blankets saved them from serious injuries.

Richard Brace, eighty-three years, a prominent resident of Trevorton, is dead.

Dr. Howard Furness Taylor, a resident physician at the Chester Hospital, tendered his resignation at a meeting of the hospital staff.

Thomas Mitchell, of Coaldale, and James McGonigle, of Lansford, contract miners, were taken to the Ashland Hospital burned as the result of an explosion of gas.

John Coons, aged 22 years, of Beaver Meadow, was found unconscious in a mine and died soon afterward. His skull had been fractured, and it is supposed he was struck in a fight.

Charles Watson, a commercial traveler of Philadelphia, drove to Freeland, and there dismissed the carriage and returned to Hazleton on the trolley road. In returning, the carriage was struck by a train on the Drifton crossing. Both horses were killed and the driver was hurled through the top of the vehicle, landing forty feet away.

COMMERCIAL REVIEW

General Trade Conditions.

R. G. Dun & Company's "Weekly Review of Trade" says: Readjustment of wages and abnormally warm weather are not calculated to stimulate distribution of merchandise, especially wearing apparel and fuel. Several other staple lines are quiet, as is usual at this season, yet the splendid profits of agricultural communities cannot fail to put large sums of money in circulation and provide a market for commodities. Prices of all staples are slightly higher than a month previous. Settlements of labor disputes in meat packing, lithographing and several minor industries are offset by new struggles in the building trades, street car lines and coal mines, while the cut in wages of iron workers and spinners may result in strikes. A hopeful event was the resumption of work at Montana copper mines, coke ovens and Western stock yards. Railway earnings for the first week of November were 48 per cent larger than last year.

Bradstreet's says: Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending November 12 aggregate 3,659,823 bushels, against 4,340,481 last week, 4,445,100 this week last year, 4,083,734 in 1901 and 4,062,000 in 1900. For similar weeks of the cereal year they aggregate 61,901,751 bushels, against 60,970,654 in 1902, 112,657,226 in 1901 and 67,476,259 in 1900. Corn exports for the week aggregate 1,088,482 bushels against 1,459,936 last week, 281,000 a year ago, 629,924 in 1901 and 3,076,914 in 1900. For nineteen weeks of the present cereal year they aggregate 21,590,959 bushels, against 21,447,799 in 1902, 16,583,550 in 1901 and 61,031,701 in 1900.

LATEST MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Flour—Spring clear, \$3.80@4.05; best Patent \$5.25; choice Family \$4.35.
Wheat—New York No. 2, \$2.87; Philadelphia No. 2, \$3.14@3.34; Baltimore No. 2, 85c.
Corn—New York No. 2, 54c; Philadelphia No. 2, 50 1/2@50 3/4; Baltimore No. 2, 54c.
Oats—New York No. 2, 41 1/2; Philadelphia No. 2, 42 1/2@43; Baltimore No. 2, 40 1/2c.
Green Fruits and Vegetables—Apples—Maryland and Virginia, per bush, fancy, \$1.00@1.25; do, fair to good, 75c@1.00. Beets—Native, per bush, 1 1/2@2.00. Cabbage—Native, per 100 \$2.00@2.50; do, New York State, per ton, \$12.00@13.00. Cauliflower—New York, per bush, \$1.50@2.00. Cranberries—Cape Cod, per bush, \$2.00; do, per bush, \$1.75@2.00. Celery—New York State, per dozen \$3.00@5.00; do, native, per bush, 2 1/2@3 1/2. Carrots—Native, per bush, 1 1/2@2.00. Concord, do, per bush, 1 1/2@2.00. Niagara, do, 1 1/2@2.00. Catawba, do, 1 1/2@2.00. New York Salems, per bush, 1 1/2@2.00. Horseradish—Native, per bush, \$1.25@1.75. Lettuce—Native, per bush, \$1.00@1.50. Kale—Native, per bush, \$1.50@2.00. Lima beans—Native, per bush, \$1.25@1.50. Onions—Maryland and Pennsylvania, yellow, per bush, \$1.00@1.50. Potatoes—White Native, per bush, \$1.50@2.00. Pumpkins—Native, each, 2 1/2@3 1/4. Quinces—New York State, per bush, \$1.00@1.50. String beans—Anne Arundel, per bush, \$1.00@1.25. Spinach—Native, per bush, \$1.00@1.50. Tomatoes—Anne Arundel, per bush, \$1.00@1.50. Turnips—Native, per bush, \$1.00@1.50.

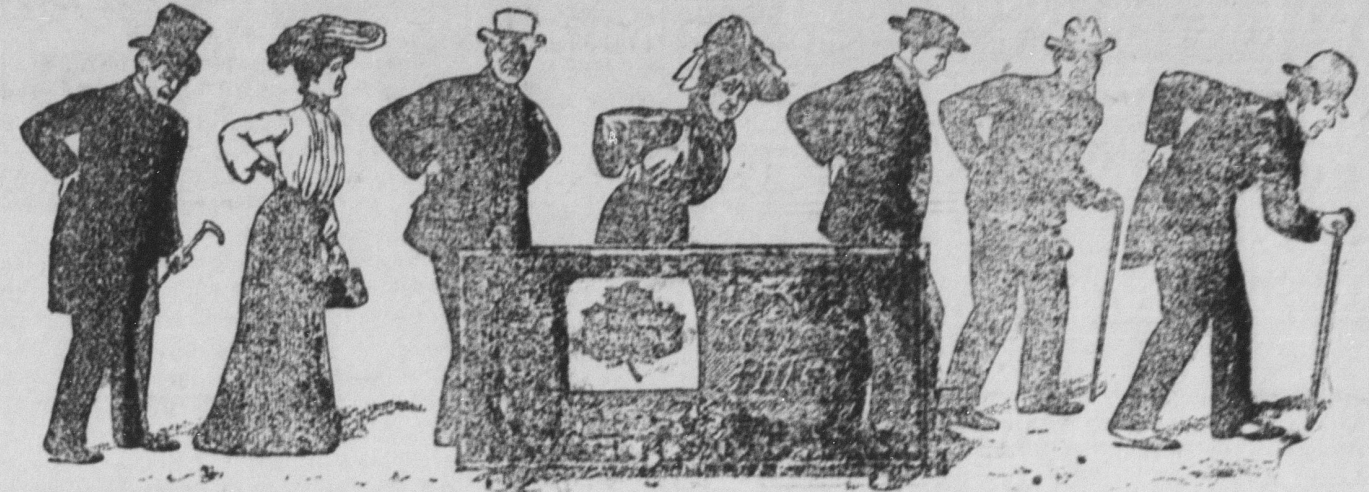
Cheese—Large, 60 lbs, 12 1/2@13 1/4; 40, 36 lbs, 12 1/2@13 1/4; 24 lbs, 12 1/2@13 1/4. Potatoes—White Native, per bush, \$1.50@2.00. Do, Maryland and Pennsylvania, prime, per bush, \$1.00@1.50. Do, second, per bush, \$1.00@1.50. Do, New York, prime, per bush, \$1.00@1.50. Sweets—Yellows Maryland and Virginia, per bush, \$1.00@1.25; do, do, per bush, \$1.25@1.50; do, do, Anne Arundel, per bush, \$1.15@1.25. Yams—Virginia, per bush, \$1.50@2.00; do, Potomac, Maryland, per bush, \$1.75@2.00.

Live and Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, young and over, 13 1/2@15; do, old, do, 12@13; do, small and poor, 10@11. Chickens—Hens, heavy to medium, 10@10 1/2; do, small and poor, 9 1/2@10; old roosters, each, 25@30; young, good to choice, 1 1/2@2; stagsy 10@10 1/2; do, rough and poor, —@9 1/2. Ducks—White Pekings, 4 lbs and over, 12 1/2@13 1/2; mongrels, 3 1/2 to 4 lbs, 11@12. Geese—Western and Southern, each, 50@70. Guinea fowls, each, 20@25. Do, young, do, 20@25. Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, choice, 14 1/2@15; do, medium to good, 12 1/2@13 1/2. Ducks, good to choice, 12@13. Chickens, young, good to choice, 12@12 1/2; mixed, old and young, 10@12; poor to medium 9@10. Geese, good to choice, 9@11c.

Eggs—Western Maryland and Pennsylvania, loss off, per dozen, 28@30; Eastern Shore (Maryland and Virginia), do, do, —@27; Virginia, do, do, —@27; West Virginia, do, do, 25@; Western, do, do, —@27; Southern, do, do, 24@25; storage, fancy, at mark, do, 21 1/2@22; do, good to choice, at mark, do, 20@21.

Live Stock.
New York—Dressed beef steady; city dressed native sides, extreme range, 6@9c per pound. Cables 4000; Eastern steers at 1 1/4c, top prices dressed weight; refrigerator beef at 8 1/4@8 1/2c per pound; exports, 50 cattle. Hogs—Receipts, 1415 head slightly firmer; a bunch of rough mixed Jersey sold at \$5 per 100 pounds.
Chicago—Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$5@5.70; poor to medium, \$3.2@4.75; stockers and feeders, \$1.75@4.25; cows, \$1.50@4; heifers, \$2@3; canners, \$1.50@2.40; bulls, \$1.75@4.25; calves, \$2@5.70; Texas-fed steers, \$3.7@3.50; Western steers, \$3@4.50. Hogs—Receipts today, 10,000 head; tomorrow, 18,000; opened steady; closed low; mixed and butchers \$4.60@5.95; good to choice heavy, \$4.65@5; rough heavy, \$4.20@4.60; light, \$4.45@5; bulk of sales, \$4.60@4.90.

INDUSTRIAL AND SCIENTIFIC NOTES.
A child of nine should weigh sixty pounds.
A heavy dew is the sign of a south-wind.
A big American shoe store is opened in Vienna.
Mexico produces more silver than any other country.
A high grade of paper is now made from cotton seeds.
Chile exported 1,608,486 tons of nitrate of soda last year.
A number of steam wagons are in use in London for heavy hauling.



WHAT SICK KIDNEYS CAUSE.
KIDNEY COMPLAINTS.—Diabetes, Bright's Disease, Inflammation of the Kidneys, Dropsy (swelling of the limbs or body), incessant pains in the back or loins.
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