

A SHRINKAGE IN VALUES.

Poet's Experience With the Child of His Brain.

The eager poet wrapped it up carelessly and set out for the city, where the leading magazine editors sat in judgment on such as his—or, rather, on such as might not hope to be quite as his, and it was night when he came to the city. At the hotel where he chose to lodge he passed it to the clerk, with instructions to place it in the safe, where valuables were kept for security.

"What value?" the clerk inquired. The poet's face flushed with pride. "It is, perhaps, scarcely possible to place a value upon it, but—"

"Say two hundred?" suggested the busy and practical clerk.

"That is, perhaps, something of the sort they will place on it," replied the poet, with a deprecatory curl of his lip. "Yes," said two hundred, and he sighed.

The clerk checked it at two hundred, and put it away in the safe. Next morning the poet arose, paid for his lodge, received it safely into his hands again, and went forth. The afternoon was waning when the poet, looking wan and weary, stood again at the hotel desk, with it (no longer with a large I) in his hand.

"Ah!" said the clerk. "Care for it again? Same value, I suppose?"

"Well—er—ah—not exactly," said the poet, still eagerly, but of a different variety of eager. "I think—er—ah—what I was going to say, was—er—as a matter of fact—er—could you let me have half a dollar on it?"

The clerk said he couldn't hardly do it just then, and the poet took it and went back to his humble village, where he opened a tin shop and did quite well.—New York Times.

THE KEYSTONE STATE

Latest News of Pennsylvania Told in Short Order.

Many pear trees in Berks County are dying from the "fire blight."

Charles W. Bell was appointed postmaster for Millstone.

The Shenandoah School Board has elected Luther B. Edwards principal of the High School and Miss Elizabeth O'Connell first assistant.

Susan Hewitt, the 9-year-old daughter of John Hewitt of Huntingdon, died from blood poisoning caused by stepping on a piece of zinc about three weeks ago.

Congressman H. W. Palmer has been notified that the Post Office Department has granted free delivery to Kingston and Dorranceton, on the west of Wilkes-Barre and Ashley on the south.

While returning to her home in Robinsons late at night, Mrs. Mary Frye, an aged woman, strayed from the path in the darkness and fell into a deep mine breach. Rescuers descended into the breach by means of a rope and took out the woman. She is badly hurt.

An ancient landmark, a giant oak tree, said to be 150 years old, which stands in front of School Director C. H. Crowthers' property on Walnut street, Morton, obstructs the gutter, and the Highway Committee of Council wants it cut down. A number of citizens, however, will petition Council to save the tree by boring a hole through the trunk, so that it will not interfere with the water course.

Dr. Jackson Taylor of Pomeroy succeeds Dr. J. B. Whitehead of this resident physician at the Chester County Hospital.

State Highway Commissioners Hunter has awarded the contract for building 1700 feet of State road in Kennett Township, for \$3,014.30.

A six-year-old son climbed upon the bed to wake his slumbering father, George Hartman, of Pottsville, and struck him violently upon the skull the boy having slipped as he bent over the sleeper. The father's frontal bone was broken by the blow.

Walter Hines, aged 14 years, and Daniel Murphy, aged 15, were bathing in the river, near Williamsport, when Murphy was seized with cramps. In his struggles Murphy grasped Hines and both boys sank to the bottom. Hines worked him self loose, and getting a hold on the now unconscious lad brought him to shore. Murphy was resuscitated.

What to do with the smallpox hospital is the perplexing question that confronts the owners of the building and the authorities of Chester. The lease on the ground on which the building stands will expire this week. The Board of Health will not allow any of the building material to be taken from the premises and the owners are at a loss as to what to do in the matter.

A contract for 100 aluminum bronze monuments to mark the new Alaskan boundary line between the Territory and Canada has been awarded to a Pittsburg firm. This represents the American share of the markers. The remainder will be supplied by Canada. The markers will be three feet high and one mile apart.

The fine new township house being erected in Ogontz by the Cheltenham Township Commissioners is now under roof and will soon be completed. There has been considerable delay in the work as much of it had to be done a second time. The commissioners declared the walls unsafe as originally constructed, and they were then torn down and rebuilt.

Emma M. Bowman, has sued Fred Wentzler, a wealthy brewer, of Lykens, for \$10,000 damages for alleged breach of promise. The plaintiff alleges that the day for their marriage was set for June 8, 1901, and since that time she has asked him to marry her repeatedly and that he has refused.

J. M. W. Geist, the veteran editor of the Lancaster "New Era," completed sixty years as an editor, a record which it is believed is unparalleled in the State. His first venture was the "Reformer," started in July, 1844, and subsequently he had editorial charge of a number of journals in Philadelphia.

Joseph Mentz, of Wilkes-Barre, appeared in Alderman Brown's court with a badly battered face. He is a Russian and is so full of patriotism that he hoisted the Russian flag. Anthony Blachunis ordered him to take it down and when Mentz refused Blachunis, it is alleged, beat him until he was unconscious. Blachunis was fined and held for court.

The first public playground for children to be established in Reading was opened Tuesday. The project was inaugurated and carried forward by the Civic Division of the Woman's Club, under whose auspices the grounds will be conducted. More than 300 children were on the grounds at the opening.

An attempt to blow up part of the Shamokin & Mt. Carmel trolley line was made at the Coal Run switch. The Coal Run branch of the trolley line is not used except when the crowds at Maysville are very large and for the early morning cars between Mt. Carmel and Shamokin. When the first car went down it suddenly began to jump over the rails. It was found that a charge of dynamite had been placed directly under a rail and the rail was blown out.

For some weeks past Rankin borough has been terrorized by two negroes who attacked women and committed many robberies on both sides. George Logan, dressed as a woman, acted as a police decoy and two negroes were trapped and taken to Pittsburg for safety, as the townspeople threatened violence.

The exercises commemorative of the Wyoming massacre took place at the foot of the monument at Wyoming. The grounds were crowded with the descendants of the victims and friends. The address of the day was by Major George G. Croff.

The supposed discovery of a vein of fine iron ore near a coal vein on the property of Sylvester Hogan, in the eastern section of Pottsville, proves to be a meteor. The peculiar quality of the iron when examined by experts showed it to be of meteoric origin and very valuable.

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

Although the new fiscal year opened with an extended holiday there is much encouragement in the evidence of returning confidence, and statistics for the last six months indicate that there is no little reason for anticipating better things in the last half of the year. Half yearly returns of insolvencies show that liabilities have steadily decreased. Railway earnings that earlier months showed losses of 5 per cent. or more in comparison with last year, exhibit an increase of 20 per cent. for June. Reports from leading branches of trade for the past week testify to a quiet condition, but scarcely more so than is customary at this time of the year, while inquiries in several manufacturing lines promise a better distribution in the near future.

Failures this week in the United States are 249, against 227 last week, 157 the preceding week and 215 the corresponding week last year.

Slack demand and overproduction in some lines have spurred American manufacturers to seek a foreign outlet. Detailed foreign trade figures for May show that iron and steel makers have found it possible to export more liberally, and manufacturers generally are moving abroad so much better as to indicate that the present year will see the largest exports of manufactured goods in the country's history.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ended June 30 aggregate 1,127,885 bushels, against 1,271,437 last week, 2,966,682 this week last year, 3,211,215 in 1902 and 3,787,639 in 1901. From July 1, 1903, to date they aggregate 133,855,324 bushels, against 223,666,373 last season, 247,354,473 in 1902 and 214,947,501 in 1901. Corn exports for the week aggregate 536,087 bushels, against 487,362 last week, 1,420,172 a year ago, 127,969 in 1902 and 2,240,933 in 1901.

WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Baltimore.—FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged; receipts, 3,843 barrels.

WHEAT—Dull; spot contract, 1.01 @ 1.01 1/4; spot No. 2 red Western, 1.01 @ 1.01 1/4; June, 1.00 asked; July, 83 1/2 asked; August, 84 1/4 asked, steamer No. 2 red, 84 @ 84 1/4; receipts, 916 bushels; Southern, by sample, 80 @ 1.01; Southern, on grade, 80 @ 1.01.

CORN—Dull, spot, 51 1/2 @ 51 3/4; June, 51 1/2 @ 51 3/4; July, 52 @ 52 1/4; steamer mixed, 48 1/2 @ 48 3/4; receipts, 7,050 bushels; Southern white corn, 50 @ 50 1/2; Southern yellow corn, 50 @ 50 1/2.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 46 1/2 @ 47; No. 2 mixed, 44 @ 44 1/4; receipts, 8,677 bushels.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 Western, up town, 79 asked.

BUTTER—Steady and unchanged; fancy imitation, 17 @ 18; fancy creamery, 19; fancy ladie, 14 @ 15; store packed, 11 @ 12.

EGGS—Steady and unchanged, at 18.

CHEESE—Firm and unchanged; large, 8 1/2 @ 8 3/4; medium, 8 1/4 @ 8 3/4; small, 8 1/4 @ 8 3/4.

NEW YORK.—FLOUR—Receipts, 13,212 barrels; exports, 13,736 barrels; quiet and partially lower. Winter patents 4.90 @ 5.25; winter straights, 4.70 @ 4.85; Minnesota patent, 4.85 @ 5.20.

POTATOES—Quiet; new Southern, 2.00 @ 2.00; Jersey sweets, per basket, 1.25 @ 1.75.

PEANUTS—Firm; fancy hand-picked, 6 @ 6 1/4; other domestic, 3 1/4 @ 5 1/2.

CABBAGES—Easy; Long Island, per 100, 3.00 @ 3.50; Southern, barrel crate, 1.00 @ 1.25.

Live Stock.

New York.—BEEVES—Receipts, 3,067; bulls and cows, quiet and unchanged; steers, 4.40 @ 6.25; bulls, 3.25 @ 4.50; cows, 2.00 @ 4.25.

CALVES—Receipts, 318; veals, firm to 25c higher; buttermilks, higher, all sold; veals, 4.00 @ 6.25; buttermilks, 3.62 1/2; fed calves, 4.00; city dressed veals firm, at 6 @ 9c per pound; extra, 9 1/2; country dressed, 6 @ 8 1/2c.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 4,838; good handy sheep, steady; others easier; choice lambs, 25c to 35c higher; good to prime, firmer; common, unchanged. Sheep, 2.75 @ 4.65; choice 4.75 @ 5.00; culls, 2.00 @ 2.50; lambs 5.00 @ 7.55; one car choice, 7.70; culls, 3.00 @ 4.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 987; feeling weak; top price for State hogs, 5.75.

Chicago.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,000, including 150 Texans; market, steady; good to prime steers, 5.50 @ 6.50; poor to medium, 4.50 @ 5.50; stockers and feeders, 2.50 @ 4.50; cows, 1.50 @ 4.25; heifers, 2.00 @ 4.75; canners, 1.50 @ 2.60; bulls, 2.00 @ 4.25; calves, 2.50 @ 6.00; Texas fed steers, 3.25 @ 3.65.

HOGS—Receipts, 10-day, 12,000; tomorrow, 10,000; market, 5 @ 10c higher; mixed and butchers, 5.20 @ 5.40; good to choice, heavy, 5.35 @ 5.45; rough heavy, 5.15 @ 5.30; light, 5.20 @ 5.35; bulk of sales, 5.25 @ 5.35.

SHEEP—Receipts, 5,000; sheep lower; good to choice wethers, 4.50 @ 5.00; fair to choice mixed, 3.75 @ 4.50; spring lambs, 4.00 @ 7.00.

WORLD OF LABOR.

Every member of the New Haven (Conn.) Trades Council has pledged himself that hereafter he will purchase no goods except they bear the union label.

A new international union is to be formed by the Carpet Workers' Union in large cities, to be composed of carpet layers, cutters, measurers and sewers.

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters now has over 100,000 members and 900 local unions. The annual convention meets in Cincinnati in August.

Chicago Stereotypers' Union, No. 4, has succeeded in unionizing all offices in Chicago, with a scale of \$3.50 per day and an increase next April of 25 cents a day.

More than 8,000,000 of the 13,500,000 people of Mexico do not work, and of those who do work 1,488,024 in domestic service and 116,000 are salary earners.

House Decorators' and Painters' Union of London, England, has sent a strike donation to the officers of the International Union of Flour and Cereal Mill Employes.



THE POET'S RAPTURE. 'Tis sure exalted rapture That makes his features glow, That could so fully capture And fix expression so!

An epic or a lyric His mind has just possessed, Or say a panyerick Is stirring 'neath his vest!

What is the annotation He makes, alive with hope! It is an inspiration Arent a certain, soap! —New Orleans Times-Democrat

ONLY HIS LATEST. Scribbler—Have you read my last novel? Cynicus—I hope so.—Philadelphia Record.

BURGLAR REMINISCENCE. Young Burglar—What did you get on your first haul? Old Burglar—Five years.—Detroit Free Press.

AT IT AGAIN. "No," said Miss Elderleigh, "love's flame has never even scorched me." "Indeed!" exclaimed Miss Younger. "But I suppose you use fireproof paint."—Chicago News.

PRECOCITY. Nodd—You don't mean to say you child said all those bright things? Todd—Yes, sir. "Why, I didn't know he could read yet."—Smart Set.

AN EAR SPLITTER. "We've got a dandy college you!" now. "What is it?" "We give four Russian battleships, a six-boom-ah, and then two Jap generals."—Puck.

NOT AN AGREEABLE PROSPECT. Skindint—If anything should happen to me, dearest, you will be all right. I've just insured my life. "But suppose nothing does happen to you?"—Modern Society.

HER STANDARD. He—Isn't your millinery bill very extravagant? She—I'm sure it's very modest. Why, I see in the paper somebody just paid \$14,750 for a Gainsborough.—New York Sun.

ENTIRELY BLAMELESS. Hicks—Toggles shaves without a looking glass! What do you think of that? Wicks—You can't blame him, with such a face as he has.—Boston Transcript.

A STINTING STUNT. Algy—Perdy has had to economize frantically since he got married. Ethel—He has? Algy—Jove, yes. He's willing his own cigarettettes now, ye know.—Puck.

JUST AN AVERAGE BOY. Guest (at summer resort)—Yes, Johnny is a vigorous boy. He seems to be able to eat anything. Proprietor—I've noticed that he seems to be able to eat everything.—Chicago Tribune.

SOME SOUND. "Music is said to be good as a medicine." "That's all right; and then again we often feel the need of medicine after hearing some kinds of music."—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

HER MISSION. Mrs. Homer—I suppose your daughter is attending cooking school so she will be able to do her own cooking after her marriage? Mrs. Pipson—Oh, my, no! She is going to write a cook book.—Chicago News.

OVER THE WATER. Harold—You shouldn't wait for something to turn up, old chap; you should pitch right in and turn it up yourself. Rupert—But it's my rich uncle's toes, old chap, that I'm waiting for.—Tit-Bits.

AN AWFUL MISTAKE. "You say the thoughtless act of Mrs. Stingleigh caused her husband a serious relapse? What did she do, in heaven's name?" "Why, she came right into the sick room arrayed in a very expensive hat and dress."—New Orleans Times Democrat.

PRECISELY. "And how did you acquire such a good education?" asks the tourist of the cultivated Indian. "I was ill in the hospital for two years, and while under treatment I read every book in the library," explains the sapient savage. "Ah! I see. When you became a well read man you were a well read man."—Chicago Journal.

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Resigns from Brown Faculty. Archibald Delaney, for nearly twenty years steward of Brown university has resigned, his resignation to take effect Aug. 1. Mr. Delaney has served the college in the capacity of steward since 1885 and is well known to Brown men throughout the country. He will be succeeded by E. A. Burlingame, a civil engineer of Providence.

Long Term of Faithful Service. On Tuesday, May 10, Prof. Charles Koelt completed his fiftieth year as organist of St. Mary's Catholic church in Ottumwa, Iowa. His compensation has always been small. He began with a little melodeon and it is said that he has never omitted a mass, vespers or benediction at which he had promised to play. He is now 69 years of age.

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Down East Doings. Fifteen murders were committed in New England during the month of March just passed, most of them without apparent motive. In only seven cases were arrests made of suspected persons. Five of the victims of the murders were women.

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