THE KEYSTONE STATE

Latest News of Pennsylvania Told in Short Order.

The Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias awarded \$500 to the Knights who participated in the parade at York. The prize of \$50 to the uniformed company traveling the greatest distance went to Williams-port. Lancaster received \$50 for having the largest number of uniformed Glen Rock Lodge received \$50 for having the largest number of men of any subordinate lodge outside York. Its members numgered 115. In addition to these prizes, the Grand Lodge presented each uniformed lodge in parade with \$100. The Grand Lodge made an amendment to the constitution which provides for the election in 1905 and every fourth year thereafter of two supreme representatives, and in 1907 and every fourth year thereafter of three supreme representatives. After the installation of officets the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet in McKeesport in 1905.

Superintendent of schools Landis, of Norristown, has prepared a report to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in which he suggests that county superintendents be relieved of the work of examining pupils for graduation in country schools. He says: "The class examinations take up half my time. My candid opinion is that this duty belongs properly to the supervising principals, or where there are none, that its performance devolves upon the teachers of the district."

During a storm at Norristown, lightning struck the large ice house of Ganser & Heffner, on Perkiomen Creek, near Salford Station, Fire destroyed the building. The building was threefourths full of ice. While the intense heat melted much of it, the remaining ice stands like a huge iceberg. The owners estimate the loss at \$10,000.

Governor Pennypacker granted re-quistion papers for J. E. Collins, the fugitive broker, who is wanted in Pottsville to answer a charge of embezzlement. Collins was released from custody at Stamford, Conn., after being held there some time awaiting the requisition. The Governor says his absence from Harrisburg caused the delay in issuing the papers.

George A. Chalfant, former president of the Spang-Chalfant Company, of Etna, steel manufacturers, died in the Harper Hospital, Detroit, from injuries received in falling from a third-story window of his hotel while walking in his sleep. The accident occurred at St. Clair Flats. His family was with him when he died.

ohn W. Simmer, of South Coventry Township, has brought suit against Albert Favinger, a supervisor of that township, for not removing the loose stones from the Pughtown Road, as required by law. Simmer says his horse was ruined by the bad condition of the road.

William Davish, a driver in the employ of a biscuit company, of Hatboro, while driving on the Old York Road above Hartsville, passed a stranger who said he was going to Hathoro and asked for a ride. Davish allowed the man to get in his wagon and when they got to a lonely spot between Warminster and Hartsville the stranger attempted to strangle Davish and demanded his money. Davish hit the man in the stomach and threw him backward into the road. The wheels passed over the man's legs. When Davish got to Hatboro he and several others drove back, but the

man had escaped.
Mrs. Winzell Hilmer, of Hagersville, is in a precarious condition as the result of drinking the contents of a mug of poison in mistake for tea. The poison, which had been prepared for killing insects, stood on the same shelf in a closet as the tea which she had been in the habit of drinking when she was thirsty. Medical assistance not being at hand, her husband secured fresh milk from a cow, which she drank in large quantities, and to this the woman owes her life. Wesley, the youngest sin of Walter B. Morris, of Conshohocken, played

the "Billy Bounce" act in a thrilling manner by falling from a third story window of his home. In his descent the force of the fall was broken when he struck a clothesline in the yard. He bound off the line to a grass plot. The attending physician says the boy is not seriously injured. More leaf tobacco is being raised

in Berks County this Summer than ever before, owing to the good returns | 4.25; canners, 1.50@2.50; bulls, 2.00@ received from last year's crops. In the southwestern part of the county, steers, 3.00@4.50. which is the tobacco district, there is every indication that this year's crops will be large.

Dissatisfied stockholders of the Cru- 5.50; bulk of sales, 5.20@5.40. cible Steel Company are forming a and at the annual meeting of the corporation, in October, an effort will be made to name the majority of the Board of Directors.

Several sections of Lancaster county suffered severely by a rain and hail storm. The farmers in the vicinity of Maytown, Marietta and Mt. Joy were sufferers to a large extent through the loss of either the whole or portions of their tobacco crops. The hail beat the leaf to ribbons. Brickerville and vicinity also suffered severely. The finest tobacco on hundreds of acres in the county was ruined. The damage to the tobacco crop

will amount to thousands of dollars John Walton, a Philadelphia carpenter, employed on a farm near Beartown, was held up near the nickel mines by four men and robbed of his possessions. David Clark and George Dennis and Frank Mimm have been lodged in jail, charged with the crime.

While driving a shaft at the Pine Hill Colliery miners suddenly came upon a cavern in which they found a number of loaded wagons. The opening proved to be old workings of the Black Heath Colliery, abandoned forty

years ago. While picking huckleberries on the mountains along Hagerman's Run, D. Mack and son, Lewis, of South Williamsport, walked into a den of about thirty rattlesnakes. An exciting fight followed, the two men using stones and clubs. Seventeen of the snakes were killed.

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: Labor controversities are the most

serious drawbacks to recovery in business, most other important factors tending toward improvement. Despite some reduction in the yield of wheat, crop prospects are most encouraging, and the loss in quantity of wheat promises to be fully offset by higher prices, so that the agricultural communities will be in position to purchase commodities freely,

Delayed orders for iron and steel products are being placed, and at woolen mills there is a notable in-crease in activity. Railway earnings in July were only 2.4 per cent. smaller than a year previous, and at many cities there is evidence of returning confidence, with a little improvement in mercantile collections. But several strikes in progress and others under consideration mitigate against a resumption of normal resumptions of trade and manufacture.

Failures this week in the United States are 230, against 220 last week 231 the preceding week and 178 the corresponding week last year. Failures in Canada number 18, against 18 last week, 20 the preceding week and

19 last year. Bradstreet's says: Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending August 4 agrgegate 1,379,198 bushels. against 1,613,265 last week, 3,040,620 this week last year, 4,244,363 in 1902 and 8,831,199 in 1901. From July 1 to date the exports aggregate 6,565,372 bushels, against 15,047,253 last year. 20.704.203 in 1002 and 32,507.145 in 1901. Corn exports for the week aggregate 273,365 bushels, against 415,-844 last week, 884,428 a year ago, 70, 611 in 1902 and 990,714 in 1901. July I to date the exports of corn aggregate 2,583,909 bushels, against 6,242,093 in 1903, 494,337 in 1902 and 7,224,413 in 1901.

WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Baltimore, Md.-FLOUR-Firm and unchanged; recipts, 2,623 barrels; exports, 3,265 barrels.
WHEAT—Easier; spot, contract.

931/4@931/2; spot No. 2 red Western, 951/4@951/2; August, 931/4@931/2; September, 941/4@941/2; October, 951/4@96; December, 981/2; steamer No. 2 red,

CORN-Dull; spot, 561/2@561/4; Au gust, 561/2@561/4; September, 57@571/4; year, 49; steamer mixed, 531/2@531/4 OATS-Unsettled; old, No. 2 white, 48@481/2; old, No. 2 mixed, 431/2@44 RYE-Firm; No. 2 Western, 73@

BUTTER-Steady, unchanged; fancy imitation, 17@18; fancy creamery, 181/2@19; fancy ladle, 14@15; storepacked, 10@12.

EGGS—Steady, unchanged, 17½. CHEESE—Steady, unchanged; large, 8½@8¼; medium, 8½@9; small,

New York-FLOUR-Receipts, 14 .-995 barrels; exports, 2,526 barrels; firm but inactive; winter patents, 4.85@ 5.35; winter straights, 450@4.75; Minnesota patents, 5.25@5.65; winter extras, 3.35@3.90; Minnesota bakers, 3.85@4.30; winter low grades, 3.15@

RYE FLOUR-Firm; fair to good, 4.15@4.40; choice to fancy, 4.40@4.65. CORNMEAL-Steady; yellow Western, 1.10@1.12; city, 1.12@1.15; kiln dried, 3.00@3.10. HAY-Dull; shipping, 621/2; good to

LARD-Weak: Western steamed, 7.15; refined, easy; continent, 7.25; South America, 7.80; compound, 5%@

POTATOES-Easy: Long Island, 1.50@2.00; Jersey and Southern, 1.50 Southern sweets, 3.50@4.50. PEANUTS - Steady: fancy handpicked, 61/4; other domestics, 31/4 @61/2. CABBAGES-Quiet: Long Island and Jersey, per barrel, 25@50.

Live Stock.

New York. - BEEVES - Dressed beef slow at 71/2@101/2c. per pound for native sides; calves unchanged; exports, 1,652 cattle and 2,000 quarters

CALVES-Dressed calves steady; city dressed veals, o@121/2c. per pound; country dressed Ratte SHEEP AND LAMBS-Sheep lower, lambs 15@25c. off. Sheep, 2.75@

4.50; lambs, 5.50@7.25; culls, 4.00. HOGS-Nominally steady. Chicago-CATTLE-Good to prime steers, 5.25@6.25; poor to medium, 4.00@ 5.00; stockers and feeders, 2.00@ 4.00; cows, 1.25@4.00; heifers, 2.00@ 4.00; calves, 2.50@5.75; Texas-fed

HOGS-Mixed and butchers, 5.25@ 5.50; good to choice heavy, 5.25@5.50; rough heavy, 4.80@5.10; light, 5.25@ SHEEP-Good to choice wethers, stockholders' protective committee, 3.75@4.20; fair to choice mixed, 3.00@ 3.75; native lambs, 4.00@6.75.

WORLD OF LABOR

Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners now has 1,701 unions chartered. In the Government factories of Russia wages rarely exceed 26 shillings

a month. A new departure is to be made at the Pembroke dockyard by the employment of women as tracers. Flumbers are perhaps the best paid

of any mechanics in the City of Mex-They get from \$2 to \$4 a day. More than 500 Japanese laborers have just landed in Mexico under contract to work in the coal mines.

Canadian manufacturers claim that places for 6,717 working men, women and boys are vacant in their factories. Recent reports from the Mendocina (Cal.) lumber regions are to the effect that all the camps are being rapidly unionized.

The Chinese Government is to receive £300 per thousand for all the Chinese coolies shipped to the South Africa mines.

San Francisco (Cal.) team drivers receive \$3, \$3.50 and \$4 a day for driving one, two and three horse teams,

respectively.
The Northumberland (Eng.) Coal
Conciliation Board has decided to make no change in the rates of wages for the next three months.

Practically no interest or concern is shown in labor circles over the formation of the new organization of em- get it."-Kansas City World ployers of various lines.



ODE TO THE COB.

The glutton's heart begins to throb With summer pleasure dear. He eateth corn upon the cob And smiles from ear to ear. -Philadelphia Press.

AN EXCEPTION.

"My son, don't forget that there is always room at the top." Tes; but think of what rappens when there's a fire."-Chicago Jour

ON THE WAY. She-Yes, I just love dogs! He-Then I'd like to be a dog. She-Never mind; you'll grow .-Harvard Lampoon.

HIS WORLDLY GOODS. De Fly-Were you ever held up? Blazaway-Well, I was relieved on

De Fly-Where was it? Blazaway-At the altar.-Detrois Free Press.

A YONKERS BEAU. Patience-Isn't your friend Georgie an entertainer? Patrice-I don't think he ever en tertained an idea, even.-Yonkers

THE MACHINE'S CANDIDATE. "Nuritch expects to get the nomination for Governor." "Indeed? What does he base his hope on?

Statesman.

"Well, he's a self-made man, and"-"But the successful Gubernatoria nominee is usually machine-made."-Philadelphia Press.

CURIOSITY. Mrs. Pyke (in carriage with her husband)-George, who was that woman who just passed us and who gave you such a peculiar look? Mr. Pyke-That's just what she will ask about you next time I see her. Women are such curious creatures .- Boston Transcript.

CAUSE OF HIS CHOLER. "What makes you so mad with your father-in-law, Rattly?"

"Between me and you, he knew that I was going to elope with his daughter. Why didn't the old rascal prevent it?"-Detroit Free Press.

JOHNNIE'S CRITICISM. "Say, pa" queried little Johnny Bumpernickle, "are you a self-made "Yes, my boy, and I'm proud of it,"

replied the old man." "But, pa," continued the inquisitive youngster, "why didn't you use a looking glass?"--Cincinnati Enquirer.

IN DOUBT. Hi Tragerdy-Yes, we opened in

Lowe Comerdy-And what did your audience think of your Hamlet? Hi Tragerdy-Why-er-he went out before I had a chance to ask him -Philadelphia Press.

A TAKE-OFF.

"I thought you said there was a picture in this paper that was a great take off on Miss Shapleigh? I consider it a really excellent likeness." "Yes; but it's taken in a bathing suit, isn't it?"-Houston Post.

BUT THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS. "Don't worry over it, if there is any you know." "Yes---if it isn't held up in St.

Petersburg."-Kansas City World.

WHOLESALE. Ethel-The ladies want me to sell kisses at the charity bazaar. Pearl-Are you going to?

Free Press.

WEARING.

and bark at me.

with. It's the suspense that's killing | Consul W. W. Canda writes from Vera me.-Philadelphia Public Ledger.

HIS RECORD. "I stand squarely upon my record,"

said the political candidate. "Well," yelled the little man at the be blamed for wantin' to keep the blamed thing from bobbin' up."-Chicago Record-Herald.

WHEN HE GETS IT. "Heard ye quit yer job at th' Continental Hotel, Bill." "Yep, quit last week."

"Whut're ye doin' now?" "Got a job porterin' at that new hotel for women only."

"How d'ye like th' change?" "Oh, I like it well enough when I NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It will be a surprise to many to know that with all the money that has been spent on rivers and harbors in this country, the harbor of New York-the commercial metropolis of the country-is to-day inaccessible to the largest vessels now being used as freight steamers, says the Daily Free American. The Battic was obliged to sail last week with a cargo 6,000 tons less than her capacity, because loaded to the full, she draws thirty-six and a half feet, while the channel furnishes only some thirty-two feet of safe passage The economy of building these great vessels is lost in their ability to carry a full load, either into or out of the finest harbor on the Atlantic coast.

With 7 per cent. of the world's land area and 5 per cent. of its population, the United States has 25 per cent. of the world's wealth, declares Leslie's Weekly. The value of the United States property, real and personal, in 1900, was \$94,000 000,000, as compared with \$59,000,000,000 for Great Britain and Ireland, \$48,000,000,000 for France, \$45,000,000,000 for Germany, \$32,000,000 for Russia, \$22,000,000,000 for Austria-Hungary, \$15,000,000,000 for Italy and \$12,000,000,000 for Spain. Moreover the United States' lead of all the other nations in wealth is increasing faster than is her preponderance over them all (except Russia and China) in population.

It would be an interesting subject of inquiry whether sudden and extreme rises in temperature and especially high humidity are marked by variations in the curve of crime. If so, the explanation might be that when it is warm the average man keeps out of doors as much as possible. In cities this crowds the streets, and by multiplying the opportunities for contact with others increases the friction of social intercourse. Wherever it is even momentarily agreeable to be one is likely to find many. To resent jostling and intrusion is matural enough, and physical discomfort lowers the standards of self-respect and self-restraint. To say "Keep cool" is grim and irritating irony; to say, "Be patient toward all men, even if it involves some effort," is to give good hot-weather advice.

It may be reprehensible and almost illegal for a judge or a jury to be influenced by a woman's beauty to be kind to the woman, but if this were not possible we should all have to admit that woman's influence has its limits, avers the Boston Transcript. And this admission none of us wants to make. We would rather bave it generally understood that with some men, most men in fact, a pretty woman in tears may have her way; but that with the other men, and a large minority it must be, susceptibility to femininity is not a part of their equipment. That lets out all those who want to be considered virtuous clear through. Perhaps women's clubs will take the matter up and manage to have it arranged that a woman shall be tried by women only. Then, we rather guess there will be no tampering with justice; neither will it be tempered over much.

In future the Delaware & Hudson railroad will employ none but young men-that is, it will take them from the ages of 21 to 35, and will probably allow them to take on years in service, but will not accept them for any position after they have passed the new age limit, the Brooklyn Eagle states. The authorities say that a man rarely develops into a good railroader after he has passed the prescribed period. In active service an employe of a railroad must be strong and have steady nerves, good hearing and good sight, and these are attributes of youth. He must be able to keep awake for 24 or 26 hours at a stretch, if need be, he must be a'ert in his mind and retentive in his memhad news coming you'll receive it ory. If the new provision is made for soon enough. Bad news travels fast, the safety of the general public, no fault can be found with it, for the welfare of the traveling body must dominate the private gain of the indi-

There is a broad tendency to guard ! and restrict very rigorousy the killing of birds "for scientific purposes," says Ethel-Yes; I've got Jack to buy Forest and Stream. The conditions them all up in advance.-Detroit are much harder than they were for the ambitious young scientist. In New York, for instance, the last Legislature enacted that applicants for Nurvis-That dog of Naybor's will license to collect birds for scientific be the death of me yet. There's never purposes shoul qualify in a bond of a day passes that he doesn't run out \$200 for faithful observance of the law. This is only one manifestation Purvis-Why, a barking dog seldom of the growth of the idea of bird protection, which is one of the conspicu-Nurvis-That's just it. I wouldn't ous popular movements of the day. mind being bitten and have it over The sentiment has reached Mexico. Cruz that an agitation has been on foot looking to the passage of a law to prevent the wanton destruction of birds throughout this country; a proposed law has already been presented to the Government by the Association rear end of the hall, "you can hardly for the Protection of Birds, and it is confidently expected that it will meet the approval of the Executive. This law is intended to prevent the killing of certain classes of birds useful to the agriculturist. Other kinds, such as, for instance, game birds, may be killed only at stated periods of the year. All birds of prey, and others destructive to the interests of the farmer, may be killed at any time and by anybody.

> The Irish Parliamentary fund for the year 1903 amounts to \$63.045.

The Oldest Car in America.

The car that stands in the roundhouse at Plainville, Mass., is the oldets railroad coach in the United States and as such makes a pathetic appeal to all people who remember the earliest days of railroading. It recalls the days when it was admired by all the countryside as it rolled over the rails between Boston and Providence at a pace which to-day would be regarded as almost fune real. To-day it stands neglected and many years, and enmeshed by count less cobwebs-a rusty, useless old thing in a remote corner of the roundhouse.

To the younger generation it seems almost incredible that this primitive vehicle could possibly have been th€ predecessor of the magnificent Pull man of to-day. Its outlines suggest a stage couch rather than a railroad car, and the jolting of the crude structure was but little broken by the deli cate-looking springs beneath it.

The roof of this venerable convey ance was used to accommodate pas sengers on days when travel was "heavy" or the weather fine. Time has made many ravages on this old coach, and to keep it from further injury it has been necessary to nai: boards across the sides and over the wheels that mar the quaint effect.

It Walked In.

Early in the morning L. H. Haney, landlord of the City hotel at Barnsboro, Cambria county, was aroused from his slumbers by a crash in his room. Opening his eyes, he was startled to see a big bear. The noise had aroused Mrs. Haney, and she screamed for help. Her husband sprang out of bed and seized a chair

to protect himself and wife. Bruin came toward them, and Haney swung the chair. Mrs. Haney was still screaming and the guests of the hotel were coming from their rooms. About this time the bear concluded that things were getting too interest ing and he decided to leave. As he emerged from the landlord's room into the hall there was a rush to get out of the way. Arms were quickly ob tained, and the bear driven off.

Immense Stalk of Rhubarb. Asa G. Bunker of Ashville, Me., has gathered a rhubarb stalk from his garden that measures 60 inches in length, 39 inches across the leaf, 7 inches around the butt and weigued 2% pounds.

ACHED IN EVERY BONE.

Chicago Society Woman, Who Was So Sick She Could Not Sleep or Eat, Cured by Doan's Kidney Pills.

Marion Knight, of 33 N. Ashland Ave., Chlengo, Orator of the West Side Wednesday Club, says: "This winter

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live. I felt a change for the better within a week. The second week I began eating heartlly. I began to improve generally, and before seven weeks had passed I was well. I had spent-hundreds of dollars for medicine that did not help me, but i \$6 worth of Doan's Kidney Pills restored me to perfect bealth."

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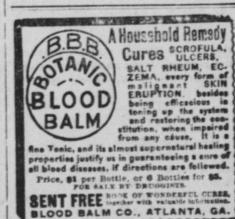


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" Finally, after many other remedies had been tried, we were advised to get Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I am pleased to say that after taking it only two weeks, a wonderful change for the better took place, and in a short time I was in perfect health. I felt buoyant, full of life, and found all work a pastime. I am indeed glad to tell my experience with Lydia E. Pinkham's table Compound, for it made a different girl of me. Yours very truly, Miss M. Cartledge, 533 Whitehall St., Atlanta, Ga." - \$5000 forfelt if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

Drove Away Hungry Lynx. As Roland Scribner of Stafford, Vt. was out fishing the other day in . stream within sight of the house, he happened to giance behind him and saw a lynx coming toward him from the woods, growling and snarling, his mouth open. The boy waited until the animal got within a few feet of him, and as it crouched to spring dealt it several blows with his fish ing rod, whereupon the lynx turned and ran back into the woods.



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