

WIT AND HUMOR.

HOBSON'S CHOICE.

A thief on his trial refused to be sworn. "Of what use," queried he, "will my evidence be?"

If I tell the whole truth, I shall get the Old Nick. If I tell what's not true, the Old Nick will get me.

Two jockeys have been killed at horse-races in New York recently. A few more casualties of that kind and the horse trot will supersede baseball as the "National game" in the country.

Lady—Ach Gott, Herr Professor, what an accident! This morning a child fell from the third-story window.

Professor—Console yourself. It is much better for one child to fall from the third story than three from the first story.

It is reported that an Illinois editor, a bachelor, received a complimentary ticket to the county fair, good for himself and wife.

"Mrs. Smith is a very young-looking woman," remarked Mrs. Brown one morning at breakfast, referring to a middle-aged woman whose charm was her vivacity.

"She would be more young-looking mamma," put in Teddy, "if her head was chopped off."

The meanest practical joker lives in Derby. Being on a visit to a neighboring city he spotted his face all over with red paint, and suddenly made his appearance at the annual meeting of the Anti-Vaccination Society.

English Jake—Wife: I've been thinking, dear, ever since you gave me Macaulay's History at Christmas, which you said you'd been longing to read, what present I should make you at Whitsuntide.

"Now, what do you say to a new carriage rug? You know how bitterly cold I've often felt in the victoria."

A hardware dealer in Mount Joy, Pa., has one of the largest and finest collections of old almanacs in the State, running to over 150 years.

"Will you give me them pennies now?" said a big newsboy to a little one after giving him a severe thumping.

"No, I won't," exclaimed the one. "Then I'll give you another pounding." "Found away," Me and Dr. Franklin agree, Dr. Franklin says: "Take care of the pence and the pounds will take care of themselves."

"How are you to-day," my dear?" asked the high-school girl of her friend as they met this morning.

"O, I feel under the weather to-day, Mildred," was the reply. "Had you not better say 'subordinated to meteorological conditions of the atmosphere,' instead of 'under the weather?'"

Levi Mosenthal—"I dell you, young veller, dot o'ferent vits you like der baint on der ceiling."

Customer (feeling in his pocket)—"Bat, great maekers! what's tuis? What's this cockroach doing in the pocket here?"

Levi—"Doud-say a vord, my friend. Ye gif dem avay mit efer twenty dollars vort of goods."

Not Good Judges of Shawls. Hanging in a dry-goods firm's window in Lewistown, Me., were some elegant cashmere shawls.

One of the women spoke up. She stuck her long forefinger under one of the shawls and, pulling at it again, replied: "O, nothing much. I saw the shawls in the window; that was all. I thought then that they were pretty cheap at \$2, but I don't want 'em."

Her Little Pet Cat. Little Susie had a pet cat which is much older than its mistress; so much older, in fact, that it is in an advanced state of decrepitude.

FREMONT NEB., Feb. 15.

EDITOR CENTRE DEMOCRAT.—Dear Sir,—For the benefit of many of my friends and many others that requested me to write them about this Western country,

I have concluded that the best way to inform them of what I know about it, is to ask permission for a small place in the columns of your paper, as the better way to get it before them.

Now, I am not a reporter, nor a letter writer, but will in as plain a way as possible give the facts as I see them myself.

I started from Bellefonte Jan. 25, seen nothing of importance until I reached Saint Louis, thus the traveling West commenced. Every car was loaded full, at Kansas City, Atchison and Leavenworth they started out for all parts of Kansas, Colorado and the far West.

I went from Atchison up the Solomon valley; it certainly is a beautiful country for farming, and about every eight or ten miles you see thriving little towns from 500 to 3000 people.

all through the country, you see nice farm houses, not the dug outs that the people here think they live in, but good comfortable homes, and hogs, cattle, horses, by the thousands, corn, wheat, and every thing plenty excepting fuel, which is high.

Hard coal \$15 per ton, soft coal \$6 and \$7 per ton. You also find good hotels all along the line, the best and largest I have seen, is in the city of Downs, Kansas, managed and owned by James H. Lipton and his estimable wife, who certainly know how to run a hotel, and right here let me say for the benefit of the hotel men in Bellefonte, that I have seen more travelers in one day at this hotel, than stops at all the hotels in Bellefonte in a week, and no license either. I took the liberty to ask I. it pay to run a hotel like that without license, he replied d—m the license I would not have it if I could. Then in this little town I found Jim Sample one of Pine Groves ex-merchants, who had dropped down their just at the right time, he is located in the furniture business, has built himself a nice house and is doing well. I think I met at least fifteen people from around Bellefonte who are located in and about the town of Downs Kansas, and all like it, and are doing well; then I went up to the north west, to Norton Kansas where I found my big hearted friend Ed Speer, and you ought to see the poor fellow, he looks like a bloated Bond holder, so fat he can't get his pants on, he had to borrow a pair from the fat man of the town, but notwithstanding all this and the loss he sustained by the fire some time since, he is doing well, he is one of the firm of Hamilton & Speer, and they have a lively business in the Land and Loan business. Mr. Ed showed me all the beauties in and about the town. Norton is a nice little town and no doubt will make a large place, it has grown very rapidly last year, Mr. Ed not being satisfied with showing me the town he went to hunt a team to take me out over the country, and after a long time he found one, but then there was not much room for me, for all I am very small, but we drove twenty miles over the country and seen some land as fine as ever I saw in my life. I spent two days with my friend and had a splendid time; I never was treated in better style than by the people I have had the pleasure to stop with in the western country. Not finding any place in north-west Kansas, to suit me I turned myself to card Fremont Neb. I traveled 350 miles of Nebraska country and I was surprised to see the fine towns and farms, and hundreds of acres of artificial timber, I certainly pity some of the farmers in our country working their lives out on those old stumpy farms, when they could do more work with one hand and get more for it here, than they can there with four hands. I arrived in Fremont Thursday Feb. 11th, the next day I called on my friend Rev. Mr. Hewitt one of the best men living on top of the ground or any other place; it was a beautiful day, the first thing after a talk with him and his amiable wife we went up town, but he soon conceived the idea that walking would be to slow for him, so he bolts into a large livery stable where they keep as fine a lot of horses and rigs as any town in Pennsylvania, he got a splendid team and we started out in good style to see the town and it is beautiful. The town is two miles square has over 5000 people lots of fine brick and frame buildings from one to four stories high, fine Opera house, banks, hotels, wholesale and retail stores in every branch of business, foundry, grain elevators, fine churches, with steam heat, gas and all modern improvements most all houses are set back in a beautiful yards full of trees and shrubbery, shade trees all along the streets, good sidewalks and no cows allowed in the streets, very few people have any yard fences; their are three trunk-lines of railroad running in here now, business men say this will be the main supply centre for all the western part of this state just as, ryon as there railroads are finished, and they are putting them down as fast as

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they can, property is very high here which is a good sign. I would just say to any one who has any notion of coming west the proper way is to come and see for them-selves; that is the only right way to do, there is no man who can settle a location for any one but himself, this is my second trip and I have seen considerable of the western country, and I think now I will set down right here for a while at least I have no desire to return east, unless to see my friends.

Yours Respectfully H. WILLIAMS. SALES REGISTER.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27th.—J. M. Rankin, at Beerly's cider press, in Boggs township, one cow, 1 buggy, fanning mill, cultivators, cutting box, grain cradle, hay ladders, farming utensils generally, and household goods. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock. J. C. Derr, auctioneer.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12.—D. W. Woodring, Benner township, one mile west of Pleasant Gap. 4 horses, 3 cows, 8 head of young cattle, 2 brood sows, shoats, plows, harrows, sled, wagons, spring wagons, buggies, fanning mill, mower, hay rake, etc. Sale at 1 o'clock. Wm. Ishler, auctioneer.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16.—David Louck three miles south-west of State College, 3 good horses, 1 bay mare with foal, 2 cows 2 heifers, 3 shoats, 2 fresh cows, 2 shoats, new set buggy harness, tugs, rollers, bridles, plows, harrows, forks, shovels, grain in the ground, and other farming utensils, and household goods. Sale at 1 o'clock. Amos Tyson, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16.—J. J. Martin, one mile south of Nuttany Hall, 3 head of working horses, 4 head of young cattle, 1 bull, 3 sheep, 4 shoats, one 2-horse wagon, 1 top buggy, sleigh, hay rake, one-half interest in field roller, one-half interest in corn planter, 2 plows, harrow, white and double trees, rakes, forks, etc. Sale at 1 o'clock. J. H. Tolbert, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17.—Thomas Strouse 1-2 mile west of State College, 1 driving horse, 2 milch cows, 4 shoats, 1 separator, good buggy, spring wagon, new sleigh, 1 set single harness, 2 plows, good fanning mill, 1 new cooking stove, carpets, chairs, and other household goods in good condition. Sale at 1 o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26.—C. C. Hummel, in Boseburg, one Fitz-James driving horse, 7 years old, 2 fresh cows, 2 shoats, spring wagon, one-horse sled, new cutting box, mowing scythe, hay by the ton, new new cooking, parlor and bar-room stove, sausage grinder and stuffer, barrels, legs, one barber chair, cider vinegar, etc. Sale at 1 o'clock. W. M. Goben, auctioneer.

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SIX TIMES MARRIED.

In 1860 Mollie Phillips, the daughter of George Phillips a wealthy farmer living near Canandaigua, eloped with and married George Crounce. She was seventeen years old. The couple went to Ohio to live. When the war broke out Crounce enlisted in the army. He was killed in one of the first battles. His widow became a governess in a Cleveland millionaire's family. She met William Van Sickle cashier in the bank of which her employer was President. Van Sickle fell in love with her, and in 1863 married her. Five months later Van Sickle was killed in a Lake Erie steamboat explosion. He left his widow unprotected for. She became a school teacher in an Ohio village. There she met and married, in 1865, the Rev. James Johnston, a wealthy retired Presbyterian minister. They traveled in Europe until 1867, when the husband died of Roman fever in Italy. He left his widow an ample fortune, and she remained in Europe a year living luxuriously, when securities in which her money was invested became worthless through the rascality of bank officers, and she was left with out an income.

She returned to the United States, and was for a year a cashier in a Brooklyn dry goods store. In 1869 she married Charles D. Fellows, a young man about town, in Brooklyn the marriage was unhappy. Mrs. Fellows left her husband and took up her home with a brother, a farmer near Nyack. In 1873 Fellows died in New Orleans. Mrs. Fellows obtained employment in Nyack, where she met Lieutenant Wakemen, of the United States army, then stationed on Governor's Island. They became engaged. Lieutenant Wakemen was ordered to Montana in 1876, he married Mrs. Fellows, and she accompanied him to his new post. In 1878 Lieutenant Wakemen was drowned. His widow was left with but little means. She returned East and made her home with her brother in Williamson, Wayne county. A year later she accepted a position as nurse in a hospital in Cincinnati.

At the time she went there Joseph B. Walker, a wealthy oil operator of Titusville, Pa., was a patient in the hospital. He met Mrs. Wakemen and fell in love with her. He was ill at the hospital for some months. After being discharged he proposed to Mrs. Wakemen, and they were married. They traveled in South America for a year or more, and then returned to Titusville. Last fall Mrs. Walker fell ill, and died a few days ago. She was buried on her brother's farm, in Williamson Wayne county, near where she was born. She was a woman of marvelous beauty, and highly accomplished.

The scarlet fever epidemic which began at Shenandoah, in December, continues to rage and is aggravated by the unseasonable weather of the present week. Upwards of two hundred children have been carried off by the disease within the last two weeks, and there are over one hundred cases now in town. Three children have died out of Charles Amour's family of four, within nine days, and the last one is now down with the disease. The attendance at the public schools has fallen off forty per cent. since January 1.

BUCKLE'S HICKS'S FARMERS SUPPLIES OF ALL KINDS. Our Stock is, and always will be, kept full and complete in all its details. It is not our intention to close out our business, but we are going to unload a large portion of our surplus stock, it will be to our customers, friends' and enemies' interest not to overlook this opportunity. Big profits and long credits are dead and buried with us. We imagine ourselves just beginning life anew, and don't wish to remember our old methods of doing business, and are giving our whole time and attention exclusively to the Hardware business. HICKS & PRO.

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NOTICE.—We hereby give notice to persons holding notes of indebtedness to the County, to present them at the Commissioners' office for payment on the 1st day of April next. After that date the payment of interest will stop. J. C. HERRICK, A. J. GIBBS, Commissioners. Bellefonte, Feb. 24, 1886.

WANTED.—Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly of 1881, June, July, August and November. 1882, February, March, August, and November. 1883, January, February. 1884, October, November. 1885, February, March. Will pay 10 cents per No. for any or all at CENTRE DEMOCRAT office.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration on the estate of Margaret B. Loder, late of Lower Merion township, Montgomery county, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all claims against said estate to present them, duly authenticated by law, for payment. JOHN F. LOPER, Administrator. Blanchard, Pa. (6-6.)

IN THE ORPHANS' Court of the County of Centre Co., Pa. In the Matter of the Estate of Peter S. Herly, Deceased. OVEY, BOWEN & OVEY, for Executors. D. F. FORTY, Comptroller.

THE UNDERSIGNED, AN Auditor, appointed by said Court to hear and pass upon the exceptions filed in the Administrator's account, to ascertain the lists, if any, against the real estate, to obtain all unpaid accounts, and to consider an direct them to be paid out of the funds arising from the real estate under proceedings in partition, and so arrange this account that it shall be a final settlement of the estate, and to make proper distribution, hereby gives notice to all parties in interest that he will meet them at his office in Bellefonte, for the purpose of his appointment, on Wednesday, the 17th day of March, 1886, when a d where all parties having accounts against said estate must present them for final settlement, and all parties in interest can be present if they so desire. C. P. HEWES, Auditor. 6-3L

Grain Market. Ascertained weekly by LAWRENCE L. BROWN. Wheat, red, per bushel... 80 Wheat, white and mixed, per bushel... 80 Rye, per bushel... 60 Corn, shelled, per bushel... 40 Oats, per bushel... 30 Produce Market. Following are the produce quotations as received by us up to the hour of going to press—3 o'clock, Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1886. Potatoes, per bushel... 30 Butter, per lb... 15 1/2 Dry Apples, per bushel... 1 1/2 Beans, per bushel... 1 1/2 Flour, per bushel... 1 1/2 Flour, roller, per sack... 1 1/2 Flour, roller, per sack... 1 1/2 Shoulder sugar cured... 7 1/2

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