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FIVE dollars fine for fast driving over bridges in this boro and don't you forget it.

It has been found necessary to make extensive repairs in the jail and, contracts have been given out for new water closets and other repairs about the cells.

THE Huntingdon people are very much provoked over Judge Furst's remarks in regard to the speak-easies of that place. His Honor seems to be getting it on all sides.

THE killing of the eleven Italians at New Orleans, on last Saturday, was a short and effective way of dealing out justice but it has a bad effect. Such methods are to be deplored.

PRESIDENT Harrison spent a portion of last week shooting ducks. His absence from Washington caused no terrestrial disturbances or collision among the planets—everything moved along as smoothly as before.

JOHN A. Daley, of Washington, D. C., was in town this week. He and President Harrison are taking a short vacation and he says the affairs of the National Capital will be properly cared for in their absence by Nelse Lucas.

THE trial of Lingo, the colored man, in progress at Camden, N. J., creates more comment and is read more extensively than any message or utterance of President Harrison, and creates more interest for some people than any measure before the last session of congress. The people are anxious to read long accounts of murders, robberies, suicides, etc., and when they clamor for it the papers will furnish the same. When there is a demand the supply usually follows.

THE counties that will each lose a member of the Legislature under the next Legislative apportionment are Adams, Bedford, Bradford, Chester, Clarion, Columbia, Crawford, Huntingdon, Indiana, Lancaster, Lawrence, Mercer, Schuylkill, Somerset and Wayne. Allegheny will gain four members, going up from sixteen to twenty, and each of the following counties gain one: Blair, Clearfield, Jefferson, Lackawanna, Luzerne and Northumberland. Philadelphia will retain her present number of Representatives, thirty-nine.

Among the Legislative proceedings in the House at Harrisburg, we notice the following:  
"Mr. Seyfert, of Lancaster, sprang a sensation on the House by introducing a bill making it a misdemeanor for any female person to expose her lower limbs dressed in tights upon the stage in any theatre, opera house or concert hall in this Commonwealth. The bill imposes a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$100, or imprisonment in jail not less than five nor more than 100 days."  
For \$1.75 you can get the CENTRE DEMOCRAT and Philad. Times, or New York Weekly World, one year.

### THE MOST PROFLIGATE.

The Fifty-first Congress closed at noon on the 4th inst., and there was a sigh of relief throughout the whole land. It was the most profligate Congress of American history, and, even when condemned by the people by unexampled popular majorities, after its first session, it continued its shameless profligacy until the moment of its death.

The people can hardly realize the measure of profligacy and jobbery of the Congress that has just passed into history. When it came into power with a Senate and President in political harmony with it, the Treasury was overflowing with surplus revenues, and reduced taxes and reduced revenues were the hungry cry of the people.

When it closed its blotted record on the 4th the surplus was scattered; the revenues largely exceeded by expenditures; a forced loan of \$54,000,000 of sacred trust funds will not save the Treasury from bankruptcy within the next year; the expenditures commanded by the Fifty-first Congress will change the condition of the Treasury from \$100,000,000 surplus to fully \$100,000,000 deficit before the close of the next fiscal year, and the additional pension, subsidy and other jobbing schemes fastened upon a looted Treasury by positive law, saddle the people of the Nation with over one thousand millions of new expenditures.

In addition to this bewildering waste of public money, chiefly in the interest of jobbers, largely increased taxes have been imposed upon the necessities of our industries and upon the common necessities of life. While the surplus has been scattered and a Treasury deficit of fully \$100,000,000 a year made inevitable to be met by increased taxes on the people, the wanton, cruel additional taxes levied on the necessities of life, reduce the value of the earnings of industry fully ten per cent. by that percentage of increase or articles of universal consumption.

That the people should condemn such a Congress with an emphasis never before exhibited in popular elections was only logical, and the close of the Fifty-first Congress sends more men into retirement by defeat at the polls than was ever known or even approached in all the political revolutions of the past. The great North was revolutionized by the mad recklessness of the Congress just closed, and for the first time since the successful organization of the Republican party, the Northern States sent a clear majority of Democrats to Congress and reversed the Republican majority of 400,000 in 1888 into an anti-Republican majority of 200,000 in 1890. No party in all the varied political history of American politics ever suffered such a defeat when it held every department of power, and no Congress since the insane Democratic Lecompton Congress of 1857-8, ever so insolently defied the people after its entire policy and leadership had been overwhelmingly condemned by the country.

The Fifty-first Congress now belongs to history and considerate men of all parties rejoice to day that its work is ended. The one silver lining to the impenetrated cloud that shames its record, is the failure of the party of power to consummate its crowning wickedness by the passage of the Force Election bill. The few republicans who rescued our politics from chaos and our business from paralysis by defeating the Force revolutionists, will be crystallized in the grateful memories of the Republic; but the midsummer madness of the defeated party is exhibited in the effort to exclude the bravest and best of its men from party fellowship for a conspicuous patriotic service. The Fifty-first Congress is dead, and the American people of every section of the Union will give fervent thanks that its death is without the hope of resurrection.—Times.

### Nuts to Crack.

Why is a crow like a lawyer? He likes to have his caws heard.  
What is it you must keep after you have given it to another? Your word.  
What did the muffin say to the toasting fork? You're two pointed.  
What are the two wrinkles in a merchant's forehead? Trade marks.  
What is better than to give credit to whom it is due? Give Cash.  
What is the political character of a water wheel? Revolutionary.  
Why is a girl like an arrow? She is in a quiver till her bean comes.  
How can you get a new set of teeth inserted gratis? Klek a bull dog.  
Why should a rich lady marry a poor man? To husband her resources.  
Why had Eve no fear of the measles? Because she'd Adam (had'em).  
What did the tea-kettle say when tied to the little dog's tail? "After you."

### COMMERCIAL AGENCY.

Organized Tuesday, by the Business Men of Bellefonte.

On Tuesday evening, a meeting was held at the Brokerhoff House, which was composed entirely of business men of this place. An address was made by \_\_\_\_\_ of The Merchants Retail Commercial Agency, 53 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ills. The system in use by this Agency has for its purpose the protection of Retail Merchants. The legality, practicability and results of the system were fully explained. After consideration, a motion was made that those present proceed to organize the Bellefonte Branch of such Agency. The motion prevailed by a unanimous vote. The following were chosen as officers:

President—Jared Harper,  
Vice President—Chas. Shuey,  
Secretary—V. J. Bauer,  
Treasurer—John Meese;  
Executive Committee—F. W. Crider, Dr. E. S. Dorworth, and Wm. Shortlidge.

The charter members of the organization are: John Meese, Jared Harper, J. A. Harper & Co., C. C. Shuey, V. J. Bauer, & Co., McCalmont & Co., Frank B. Stover, Ed. K. Rhoads, Ed. F. Garmann, W. R. Brachbill, H. J. Dorworth, A. C. Mingle, John L. Rountree, W. B. Shirk, Gerbrich Hale & Co., P. B. Crider & Son., Chas. R. Kurtz, Phoenix Planing Mill Co., C. E. Cooke and J. S. Waite & Co.

On Wednesday a large number of other business men of the town were canvassed and many of them signified their intention of joining the association at the next meeting in Crider's exchange on Tuesday evening.

This Agency uses no dishonorable means to force collections or settlements, but the merchants propose to exercise their legal right to refuse credit to a person who gains the reputation of not treating a member of the Agency honorably.

There is no law compelling merchants to sell their goods on credit. There is no law forbidding merchants refusing credit to any person they see fit, and when a merchant sells his goods on credit it is as an accommodation to the consumer, and if such consumer has no appreciation of the favor extended and willfully neglects to make a reasonable and honorable adjustment of his indebtedness, then he should be compelled to pay as he buys. It is better for him and much more profitable for the merchant. Many a poor worthy man has been refused credit for the necessities of life because of the merchant's unpleasant experience with bad debtors, but this system will tend to obviate all that, because the men who do respect their credit will be known and have a standing among merchants, while the "dead beat" and others of his kind will also be known to the members of this Agency and be absolutely refused credit; no matter if he moves to another town or state his reputation as *poor pay* will follow him and the merchants in such new place of residence will also refuse him credit. This Agency issues a regular and legal Bi-Monthly Abstract of unsettled accounts. Each member agrees to forfeit twenty dollars to his branch as a penalty, in case he extends credit to a person whose unsettled account appears in the abstract and no account can appear therein until the debtor has had a full and fair opportunity to go to the merchant he owes and in some way arrange such indebtedness. *The man who can pay and won't pay* and the man who cannot pay, but will not go to the merchant and state his condition and make effort to arrange, is the person this Agency is after.

This Agency does not interfere with the credit of men who deal honorably, no matter if they are slow; neither does it in any way regulate prices. Its sole object is to compel men to be honest with merchants or to pay spot cash for goods purchased. Something of this kind has been needed for a long time and this system will work. "In combination there is strength." The members have the success or failure of this system in their own hands. Wherever merchants have properly combined, the system has proven a great success. The U. S. is being carefully covered by this Agency, and the merchants in all small towns are visited and solicited to join the county branch.

V. J. Bauer, Secretary of the Bellefonte Branch.

—The quarterly conference of the United Brethren church will be held in the U. B. church, at this place, Saturday and Sunday next. Rev. Wasson, of Tyrone, will preside.

Bicycles are out, street-cleaners are at work, some people are digging garden, and Spring will soon be here. An attractive ad. will boom your business.

### A GOOD MAN.

In a recent issue of the *United States Review*, published at Philadelphia we note a very complimentary article to our former townsman, R. M. Magee, Esq., urging his appointment as Insurance Commissioner for Penna. Mr. Magee would make an able official for that position and would be of credit to the administration. The following is the article in the Review:

"There is considerable speculation as to whether or not Hon. J. W. Forster, who has held the office of Insurance Commissioner in this state continuously since the organization of the Department in 1873, will be re-nominated for the position by Gov. Pattison. Mr. Forster has many friends and, if he wishes to hold on to the position, he will be able to make a strong bid for it. Various names have been mentioned for the possible succession. One of them possesses especial interest so far as local insurance circles are concerned. It is Mr. R. M. Magee, formerly of Bellefonte, but now Philadelphia representative of the Brooklyn Life Insurance Company. Mr. Magee was at one time Superintendent of Schools, at another Chairman of the Democratic Committee in Centre county, besides which he was a lawyer in good standing. He is a man of rugged honesty, excellent mental attainments, and withal, a good insurance man, while he is also understood to be a thoroughbred Jeffersonian Democrat, which latter consideration cannot stand in his way at all, under existing circumstances in the gubernatorial officer in this state."

### Zion Normal Institute.

The Zion Normal and Classical Institute will open its Spring term the second Monday of April, next, under the Principalship of Prof. S. H. Ditzel, of Lancaster, Pa. Zion is situated five miles east of Bellefonte, in the heart of Nittany Valley, in the midst of one of the finest farming districts of Pennsylvania. Has four fine churches, telephone communications to all points in Central Penn'a, a daily stage leaves Bellefonte for Zion at 11 o'clock a. m. Taking all things in consideration this will be a good opportunity to those in quest of a good education. Special attention will be given to the preparation of teachers for examination and the work of teaching. The total expenses per quarter will not exceed \$30.00 including boarding and tuition. Our friends at Zion certainly deserve much credit in establishing the above school and we are informed a large number of students from other sections have already made arrangements to attend the Spring course.

### Continually Crying.

That is just what our friend Joseph L. Neff, of Roland, has been doing the past season and he is not done yet. Mr. Neff was a pleasant caller at our office, on Wednesday, and informed us that he had been engaged in crying Public Sales every day of the present season and has some fifteen or twenty more to auctioneer. He reports that farm stock and implements are bringing good prices and that all his sales have been well attended. Among other things noticed by him was that he saw but one intoxicated person at a sale this season, which is an unusual thing. Mr. Neff is an auctioneer of long experience and his sales always turn out well.

### Death of Mrs. Roan.

On Wednesday night, 11th, Mrs. John Roan died at her home in Coleville, near this place. She was afflicted for months with consumption and her death only relieved her of her great suffering. The deceased leaves a husband and five children, Maria, wife of Andrew Tate, and Mattie, wife of Win Whitmer, who lives up Buffalo Run, Margery, wife of J. N. Olinger, of Coleville and two sons, Edward and William who lived at home. The interment occurred on Saturday.

### It is Said.

A man is a man first and a lover afterward.  
The greatest puzzle to a man is how any woman can love him.  
A woman never really knows how to pray until she has a man to pray for.  
A man never gets too old for his mother to stop calling him "my boy."  
A woman's face always reflects the hidden tragedy of her life, if there is one.  
It makes very little difference how bad a man treats his wife, she will talk of him with pride to strangers.  
No young man cares to keep his countenance after his girl has sent back his photograph.  
You can teach an old dog new tricks—if you can make him get rid of some of his old ones you are mighty lucky.  
A little boy said Washington was a great Indian fighter, for when he was mere lad he took a hatchet and cut down his father's Cherokee.  
Every business man in Bellefonte should join the Mercantile Association. It is a safe guard against "dead-beats."

### WHAT THE ALLIANCE DEMANDS.

There are a number of farmers' organizations throughout the country, most of them having substantially the same objects. The National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, formed by the Co-operative Union and the Agricultural Wheel, is the largest of all. Its principal membership is in the Southern and Southwestern States. The National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry is the old "Grange," which still has 20,000 affiliated societies. The Patrons of Industry are strongest in Michigan. The National Farmers' League is avowedly political, and is the strongest at present in the Eastern States. The Northwestern Alliance has its headquarters in South Dakota, and is strongest there and in the immediately neighboring States. The Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association is the title of the Illinois organization.

These bodies all differ more or less in detail, but on certain measures they are as one. From the Congress of the United States they demand:  
1. The abolition of National Banks and the call in of their notes.  
2. The issue of legal tender United States Treasury notes "in sufficient volume to do the business of the country on a cash system."  
3. The free and unlimited coinage of silver.  
4. The prohibiting of the alien ownership of land, and the reclamation of all lands heretofore ceded to railways not now actually used by them.  
5. The prohibition of speculation in agricultural products, and of dealing in "futures."  
6. The restriction of Government revenues to the actual expenses of the Government economically administered.  
7. The Government control and operation of railways and telegraphs to the interests of the people.  
8. The prohibition of trusts or "combinations" among corporations, and of usurious interest.—Harper's Weekly.

### An Argument for the Evolutionist.

The Hottentots say that baboons can talk, only they will not, for fear they should be made to work; and there certainly is but little work to be got out of those cunning hands. Nevertheless, we read of some baboons who have been taught to do useful work. There was an obituary notice a year or more ago in all the Cape papers of one of these trained baboons, well known in the colony, who used to act as signalman on the railway, in place of his master, who was lame. The story was doubted by the English papers, who copied it; but we have met with people who have seen the animal at his work. Mrs. Carey Hobson, too, in one of her pleasant little "South African Stories," tells of a baboon who had come under her own notice who had been taught to ride after a Dutch Boer as groom and to dismount and hold the horse by sitting on the bridle when his master went into a house.

### Novel Tours to the Pacific Coast.

The early spring always attracts the tourist, and of late years many travelers who have neglected their own country for European wanderings have been brought to some sense of realization of the wonders of their own country, and have profited by visiting and informing themselves of it. An ocean voyage has its many disadvantages, which do not attach to the Pennsylvania Railroad's personally conducted tours to the Golden Gate. The magnificent Vestibule Pullman Palace Trains are luxuriously equipped and manned by the most efficient crews. The tourists are under the charge of a Tourist Agent and Chaperon, and have at their call for ready service a ladies' maid, a stenographer, and typewriter. The two remaining tours will leave New York Thursday, March 23th, and Tuesday, April 14th, and the round-trip rates will be \$275 and \$300 respectively. The later tour will be run via Portland and Tacoma returning. The rate includes Pullman accommodations, meals en route going and returning, six side trips, and several carriage rides. For itineraries and space application should be made without delay to G. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Philadelphia, or to Tourist Agent, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, 233 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia, or 840 Broadway, N. Y.

### A Fine Store.

Mr. F. E. Naginay is now located in his new store room on Bishop street and has everything fixed up in first class style. He has a fine stock of furniture and his prices are reasonable. If you need anything in that line be sure and visit his store.

### OLD MAN NICELY ARRESTED.

Charged With Being an Accessory in the Umberger Murder.

A sensation has been created by the announcement that Constable Rosch, one of the parties arrested for conspiracy by the friends of the Nicely boys, has made information against old man Nicely, father of Joe and Dave, charging him with being an accessory after the fact in the murder of old man Umberger. Information has been made against Geo. Nicely and Watson Menses, charging them with the same offense. The informations were made before Justice J. N. Coner, of Somerset county. The warrants are in the hands of the proper authorities, and were served. Old Mr. Nicely was present to attend the hearing in the conspiracy case, and when informed of the action of Constable Rosch, he merely smiled. He had nothing to say. It is generally believed that the defendants will be acquitted.

### Spring Mills.

John L. Weaver, wife and child of Glen Union, Clinton co., tarried in this vicinity from Thursday last, till Monday. On Saturday they made sale of their farm implements which they had left at their farm when they moved to Glen Union last fall.

Rev. Aurand has been returned to this charge by the Evangelical conference.

Mr. E. C. Nearhood, the new clerk in the store of D. E. Bible, has moved to this place. He will occupy part of W. A. Krise's house.

John L. Grenoble, a former resident, but now living at Woodward, will return to our city this Spring.

C. A. Krape has purchased the house and lot now occupied by Mrs. Krumrine, widow of the late Henry Krumrine. It is the intention of the Reforamer people to secure a lot off of it for their new church.

Wm. Hetinger was elected Pike-keeper at the last meeting of the directors of the Old Fort and Youngmanstown Turnpike Co. Billy will have his hand full of work this summer.

Thomas Ocker, who for the past year was counter-hopping for William Pealer, has left for his home in Bush valley. His place will be supported by Wm. J. Hanna, who formerly clerked for Mr. Pealer.

Felix Lee, who clerked for Wm. Bible, this winter, is now working in Westmoreland co.  
Mr. Geo. Henney, of Potter's Mills, will move to Latrobe in a few weeks. Miss Kate Bair, a sister of Mrs. Henney, and for the past two years a resident of this place will accompany them and make her future home at that place.

### OF INTEREST TO WRITERS.

A Labor Saving Invention Indispensable to all who Write.

Of the many valuable improvements which have been made in self-feeding pens a great part are due to the skill and persistence of Mr. L. E. Dunlap, of Boston, who, as a pioneer in this business, has spent the last decade in perfecting the fountain pen that bears his name. The latest perfected invention is the Dunlap Double-feed Pen, and in this very double-feed lies the secret of its success.

It carries a sixteen-karat diamond-pointed gold pen, and is a perfect pocket-companion that will not only prove indispensable, but a joy and blessing as long as life lasts. It is guaranteed to write instantly, always and under all circumstances. To introduce it among the readers of this paper, the manufacturers offer for a short time only, to send it by return mail at one-half the regular price.

By posting a letter, enclosing a two cent stamp, to the Dunlap Pen Company 280 Washington street, Boston, Mass., you will receive a beautifully engraved ticket worth \$2, and also an illustrated price-list and circular, telling you how to make \$5 per day.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Scarlet, of Danville, and Edward and Frank Greenslade, of England, this week are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lyons. Mr. Scarlet is a prominent attorney of Danville. Ed. Greenslade is a government official and Frank Greenslade is connected with the Bank of England. They are brothers of Mrs. Wm. Lyons.

—Mr. James Lingle, living about one mile east of Centre Hall, died on Tuesday, at the advanced age of 82 years. He was a single man; a sister, Mrs. Geo. Odenkirk, of Centre Hall survives him. The Lingle brothers owned two fine farms in that valley and were always known as a thrifty family.

What consolation has a homely girl? She will be a "pretty old one," if she lives long enough.