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WHAT would happen if 40,000,000 Boers should declare war against a quarter of a million Englishmen?

Some of the trusts are raising wages, but the chances are that they will cut them down after the next election. The trusts are no fools and they know who Mr. A. D. Hepburn, the vice president their friends are.

A BALTIMORE scientist has shown that rattlesnake poison won't kill anyone, and that whiskey is of no value in resisting it, any way. This information will be comforting to people who have lost relatives by rattlesnake bites.

## REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

The Republican State Convention will be held in the opera house in Harrisburg on Wednesday, April 25, convening at 10:30 a. m., for the purpose of nominating as candidates one person for the office of auditor general; two persons for the office of congressman-at-large, thirtytwo persons, (four at large) for presidential electors, and to choose eight delegates and eight alternates-at-large to the Republican national convention to be held in Philadelphia on Tuesday, the 10th day of lune next, and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented. Each legislative district is entitled to one delegate for every 2,000 votes cast for the presidential election in 1896, and an additional delegate for every fraction of 2,000 votes polled in excess of 1,000. Each district is entitled to the same number of delegates as represented in the convention of 1898.

# CARNEGIE'S LECTURE.

class of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church by and through which the trusts and runs that church introduced him. Mr. expense of the people of the country, Mrs. John F. Harrison and Mrs. Charles Carnegie did well to impress upon the Mr. Rockefeller was seen to nod approv- Hanna. ingly, and uttered an emphatic Amen when the lecturer said he hoped that none of the young men were burdened with the cares of riches. "As a young man" said Mr. Carnegie, "I had the best education in the world with which to begin life. I was born to the blessed heritage of poverty. I hope I speak to poor young men to-night. It is my earnest the cares of riches. When this burden is laid on a young man and he acts his part well he deserves double credit. He is surely the salt of the earth "

Now we can realize, to the full extent, the heroism of Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Rockefeller, with which they have relieved others of the burdens of wealth. But for them thousands of men now happily penniless might be worth handsome fortunes. Thousands of our people have editor will grasp your hand, and the Mrs. Samuel F. Diehl, at Mt. Eagle, to thank them for saving them from the demoralizing effects of increase of wages bet." After giving him the news of and remunerative business profits. These your locality you will be permitted to 84 years, 4 months and 22 days old at the men and others of their class in their retire with a receipt for an obligation own minds are benefactors, while in the discharged. eyes of the masses, whom they oppress and despoil, they are monstrous tyrants. Solomon, when he said, 'The rch ruleth over the poor and the borrower is servant to the lender," uttered a truth some grocers measure their success. that is not altogether out of date, and one that is forcibly illustrated in the existing conditions in our country.

#### SALE OF NEW YORK CUSTOM HOUSE.

Some remarkable republican financiering has lately come to light, and is giving the McKinley administration no little concern. For years the national government has been the owner of very valuable real estate in New York City, known as the Custom House property. During the sessions of the last congress, for some reason never yet explained, Mr. Gage, the secretary of the treasury, was directed to sell this property. On July 3rd, 1899, he solo it to the National City Bank of New York City for \$3.365,000. The act of congress authorizing the sale of this property required the secretary of the treasury to cover the proceeds of this sale into the treasury of the United States. Instead of doing this he accepted the check of the National City Bank and immediately deposited this check again in the bank upon which it was drawn, and who was also the purchaser of the property. Immediately following this Mr. Gage entered into an agreement with this same bank and leased the property he had just sold for the United States government at an annual rental of \$136,000 payable monthly. Strange as it may seem Mr. Gage sold a property the government must have to a friendly bank, deposited the purchase money in that same bank and then leases the property and agrees to pay \$136,000 a year rent. So that the bank has the property, the government paying to it a rent of \$136,000 a year for it, and have on deposit without interest the \$3,365,000 purchase money, which is worth to the on Wall Street an enormous sum. To say the least, this appears to be a rather this section. Sarah and Lydia were memnot only of a sacred trust, but of the strict letter of the law.

In the light of recent developments it appears more culpable than at first sight the National City Bank of New York has been the favorite bank of the McKinley administration. Its president, Mr. Stillman, and vice president, Mr. A. D. Hepburn, are active republican politicians and influential members of the money trust and bank syndicate, and seem to have more than ordinary influence with Mr. McKinley and his secretary of the treasury, Mr. Gage. A few days before this transaction occurred of the National City Bank, wrote a very significant letter to Mr. Gage of which the following is an extract :

"Of course this bank is very strong. and if you take the pains to look at the list of the directors you will see we have great claims in view of what was done

directors of this "very strong bank" had firm of Valentine, Blanchard & Co., corruption fund, used to elect Mr. Mccommodate its customers at an enormous Clain, of Altoona. Interment in St. rate of interest, and besides all this an John's cemetery, at Altoona. annual rent of \$136,000. Surely the 'great claims" of this "strong bank" are duly regarded "in view of what was done in 1896." And no doubt they are ready and willing again to subscribe liberally for the campaign of 1900. To them these large subscriptions to the republican campaign fund of 1896 was "casting bread upon the water," and it Mr. Andrew Carnegie delivered his has returned ere many days. This is lecture "Stepping Stones to Success in only one of the many questionable trans-Business," before the young men's Bible actions of the McKinley administration, in New York, and Mr. Rockefeller, who syndicates are allowed to profit at the and it is not at all surprising that these minds of the young men to be honest, beneficiaries of this system of spoliation and when he emphasized this lesson are all shouting for McKinley and

# Etiquette of the Print Shop.

Parties wishing to enter the printing office at this season should be governed by the following rules: Advance to the outer door and give three distinct raps or kick the door down. The "Devil" will attend to the alarm. You will give your name, postoffice address and the hope that none of you are buildened with number of years you are owing for the paper. He will admit you. You will advance to the centre of the room and address the editor with the following countersign: Extend the right hand about two feet from the body, with the thumb and fingers extended, the thumb and index finger clasping a \$5 bill, which drops into the extended hand of the editor, at the same time saying: "Were you looking for me?" The bill, and pressing it will say: "You

> The pipe organ player, in reading music, hus to look out for foot notes. Seven quarts to the peck is the way

-February 21st, the Franklin and Marshal Glee and Mandolin Clubs will west over forty years ago, engaging in be at the Opera House.

## TWO AGED TWINS.

A very unique birthday celebration took place Sunday at the Rhone homestead, near Centre Hall, the occasion being the 89th anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Sarah Rhone, widow of Jacob Rhone, and mother of Hon. Leonard Rhone, a prominent Granger, and Mrs. Lydia Young, the widow of John Young, the oldest living twin 'sis ters in the state. The gathering was a very quiet one, only the immediate famiilies and a few friends being present.

but in 1853 he died suddenly, leaving a family of eight small children to the care of his wife. Mrs. Rhone took up the management of the estate, and managed it with wonderful sagacity and executive ability, erecting new buildings, at a cost of several thousand dollars, until in 1869, when the homestead was purchased by Leonard Rhone, who has occupied it ever since. Since his residence at the homestead

Grandmother Rhone has made her home

MRS. RHONE AND MRS. YOUNG.

Mrs. Rhone and Mrs. Young were born | with her son, Leonard, and his family. at Coburn, this county, January 28th, 1811. bank at the present high rate of interest | They are daughters of Leonard Kerstetter, a German, who was one of the pioneers of questionable transaction. It is not deal- bers of a family of eleven children, all of United States, and is certainly a violation, twins, and Daniel and Samuel, two younger brothers.

The twin sisters were married within a year of each other, when they were about 20 years of age, Sarah to Jacob Rhone and Lydia to John Young, both sturdy young Centre county farmers. In 1846 Jacob Rhone purchased the Rhone homestead, near Centre Hall, from his father's beirs, a tract which had been in possession of the Rhone family continuously since 1794,

#### RECENT DEATHS.

FRANK McCLAIN:-A former Bellefonte citizen and well and favorably known to our people died at his home in Altoona Thursday morning 25th from affections of the heart and kidneys. The terv. deceased was 66 years 7 months and 10 days. He served as foreman in the erection of the present State college building. He engaged in the mercantile business at State College, in 1862, and for three years be was postmaster at They have "great claims in view of that place. In 1866 he removed to what was done in 1896." Of course the Bellefonte and became a member of the subscribed large sums to the republican builders and contractors which erected Bellefonte's first planning mill. At the Kinley in 1896, and "in view of what end of two years Mr. McClain retired as was done;" then, their claims had to be one of the firm's members became a regarded in this sale of the custom house partner of D. G. Bush, in the firm of cattle and dogs. It appears that a short Chas. Wright, Stormstown property. The history of the case shows Bush & McClain. They built the Bush time ago a strange dog passed through a how well Mr. Gage has regarded the House and the McClain block in Belle-"strong claims" of this particular bank fonte. Since 1880 he was engaged ex-'in view of what was done in 1896," tensively as a contractor and builder. The bank gets a very valuable property On June 15, 1870, Mr. McClain married which the United States still needs as a Margaret Caldwell, daughter of Thomas custom house, receives the \$3,365,000 Caldwell, of Bellefonte. He is survived purchase money which it may use to ac- by his wife and one brother, David Mc-

HOWARD I. BARNES:-Died Thursday morning in the hospital at Williamsport, of quick consumption. Deceased was born at Pleasant Gap, Centre county, and was a son of John Barnes. Howard Barnes for many years followed the mercantile business but later was a contractor and builder. He is survived by his wife and the following children: William, Homer, Harry, Daisy, Joseph, Charles and Chester, all of this place. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Robert, of Pleasant Gap; George, of Tyrone; J. W., of Johnstown; Moore, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Mary Hodson and Miss Tamazine Barnes, of Philadelphia. He would have been 50 years of age in July. The funeral took place Saturday afternoon. Interment was made in the Union cemetery.

MRS. JAMES BOAL:-Died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. R. Lingle, near the Old Fort, not far from Centre Hall, Centre county, at one o'clock Friday morning, from a general collapse of the nervous system. She had been in delicate health for a number of years. The maiden name of deceased was Tamer Barr. She was aged 63 years, 8 months and 4 days. In early life she was married to James C. Boal, who died at Centre Hall about six years ago. Two daughters survive, viz: Mrs. Sallie Kline and Mrs. Lingle.

MRS. SARAH RANDALL :- Widow of the late William Randall, died Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Her death was probably due to the natural infirmities of old age, she being time of her death. The funeral took place Monday morning, interment at Curtin's cemetery.

JOHN FAUBER:-Died at Wynmore, Nebraska, Jan. 20. The deceased was Daniel Fauber, deceased, and was a native of Centre Hall. He left for the farming, and was quite well to-do.

Mrs. Young, since the death of her husband, a dozen or so years ago, has made her home with her only child, Mrs. Adam Weaver of Woodward

Six years ago there was a family reunion ing fairly with the trust money of the whom are dead with the exception of the of the Rhone family, at the old homestead, and at that time Grandmother Rhone, despite her 84 years, sang in a voice strong and sweet, German and English songs.

In form and feature Mrs. Rhone and Mrs. Young are very much alike, so that at times the one has been taken for the other. They are both hale and hearty, and give promise of health and life tor a number of years to come. They are both members of the Lutheran church.

HARRY KLINGER:-The nine month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Klinger, of near Bellefonte, died Thursday morning 25, of softening of the brain. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Shiloh ceme-

PROF. ELDON:-Of the Lock Haven Normal School faculty, died in the Lock Haven hospital Thursday 25th morning. Death was caused by an abscess which formed on the brain. He was 32 years old and unmarried.

### HYDROPHOBIA IN MILES TWP.

During the past week there has been considerable excitement among farmers in Miles township over the apparent development of hydrophobia among G. N. Wolf, Madisonburg..... Dec 19 portion of that valley and bit a number of dogs and live stock. They were bitten in the nose, hind legs and the ears and soon after their strange actions attracted attention and a number of them either died in great agony or were killed to relieve their intense suffering.

This matter was brought to the attention of John Riter, of Centre Hall, a veterinary surgeon, who is the agent of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board and M. L. Smith, Johnstown ..... at his instance the following notices were posted throughout that township this

The following regulation was made by the State Live Stock Sanitary board, Jan-

WHEREAS, There is no reason to beieve that the disease known as rabies or hydrophobia, exists in the vicinity of Rebersburg, in Miles township, Centre county, and the nature of this disease is such that for the present all dogs within certain limits must be suspected of being capable of spreading it; be it

RESOLVED, By the State Live Stock Sanitary Board, by the authority couferred by the act of May 21, 1895, that all dogs in Miles township are hereby declared to be in a state of quarantine, and must be strictly confined or firmly secured on the premises of their owners, and not allowed to run at large or enter public highways, excepting when led, or when muzzled with a well-fitting muzzle that will effectually prevent biting.

This quarantine shall remain in force 90 days or until removed by the State Live Stock Sanitary Board

DR. JOHN RITER, Agent State Live Stock Sanitary Boad. ATTENTION :- That any persons wilfully violating any of the provisions of C. E. Gramley, Kaneville, this act or any regulation of the State Miles Meckley, Filmore. Live Stock Sanitary Board, or wilfully interfering with officers appointed under this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction be punished a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one month, or both at the discretion of the court.

The sufferings of the animals is described as something terrible. The cattle became furious and raved and R. P. Breon, Miliheim ... struggled, tearing down their stalls, breaking off their horns and bellowed loud enough to be heard a half-mile G. W. Hazle, Madisonburg ... they suffered from the malady termed rabbies. The following is a list of the animals that have died or were killed: P, Breon 2 beifers, I sheep, I dog; Newton Brungart, 2 hogs, and I dog: Elias aged about 65 years. He was a son of Breon, 1 cow. Notices have been posted forbidding dogs to run at large. J. S. Martin, Walker ... dogs, had better keep your distance. brain of one the animals was sent to Harrisburg for expert examination Milton I. Wise, Altoona. by Dr. Rider and Dr. Burd.



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# CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AND CONTAGION.

If the Christian Scientists had only to deal with Christian Scientists there might be a larger toleration for their vagaries. May 19 The practice of their healers would contain within itself the seeds of extinction. But in the application of Christian Science methods among unbelievers and Dec 99 children and invalids who cannot help themselves there is manifest danger. For example, there is an epidemic of measles in the city of Buffalo, and the Feb of Courier of that city says that the health commission has found it almost impossible to check the spread of the disease in that community because the Christian Feb of Scientists, who deny the existence of Dec 19 contagion, insist upon sending children from injected families into the secular Jan of danger to other pupils. They also allow Jan of their own children to play on the streets when recovering from the measles, re-Jan or gardless of the danger of relapse and of Aug of the possibility of communicating the dis-Nov 19 ease to others. The Courier rightly denounces such conduct as criminal.

The Christian Scientists undoubtedly Feb or have the right to believe whatever they Aug 19 can bring themselves to believe; but Aug 19 when they go to the extreme of endan-Feb 19 gering the lives of other people by disre-Jan of gard of proper sanitary regulations for Jan of the protection of the public health the community should proceed to take care Dec 19 of itself by whatever means of legal pre-Aug 99 not allowed to go at large, nor lepers, Jan 19 nor persons suffering with small-pox. Feb 19 Why should a longer tether be given to temporarily dangerous?-Record.

# Local Institute.

A teachers' local institute will be held at Mackeyville, Pa., Feb. 2nd and 3rd. The following program will be observed: FRIDAY EVENING :- Lecture, "Grant, Aug 19 the Soldier," Hon. Emmerson Collins, Williamsport, Pa.

SATURDAY MORNING :- "History," T. Mar of C. Kessinger; "Primary Number Work," away. There is little doubt but that K. D. Packer, Lock Haven . . . . Oct 19 Miss Nina McCloskey; "Journey Through the Heavens," R O Bartley; "Personal Feb of Influence of the Teacher," Prof. Geo. B. Feb of Sayder; "The Pronoun," W. H. Clark. SATURDAY AFTERNOON :- Class Drill in Physical Culture, Miss Jessica Herr; Class Drill in Reading, Miss Mable Sweelev; "Importance of Newspaper Reading by the Pupil," Prov. I. N. Mc-Dec 19 Nov 19 Closkey; "Nature Study," Prof. T. Aug 99 Shannon; "Science," Prof. Geo. D. L. Bartges, Centre Hall.....Feb of Singer.