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EDITORIAL.

PROVIDENCE has been favoring us with a mild winter since the coal barons have put up prices.

The reason the Centre Democrat is not filled with advertising is because we want to give our readers the most news for the least money.

CONGRESS met last Monday. Now let's see whether the "representatives of the people" will go gunning for the Wall street bears and the "bad" trusts.

POLITICIANS are making some peculiar combinations in shaping Gov-elect Pennypacker's appointments. Quay will attend to all that, and other things as well.

THERE must be some decided differences among the republican politicians in this section as they seem to be unable to make a selection for Deputy Revenue Collector to fill the late Dr. Harter's position.

PRESIDENT Roosevelt's message is considered tame. The Rough Rider must have been unhorsoed or else he is playing for a renomination. Teddy, the strenuous man, sent a very mild message to congress indeed.

THE election of Penrose to succeed himself in the senate is in great doubt, and if it keeps clouded, then he is to be nominated for Mayor of Philadelphia. Penrose is the left arm of Quay and it needs amputation.

CONGRESS is in session this week and all the political forces are centered at Washington this week. For that reason all the aspirants for the Bellefonte post office, and their advisers, are registered at the National Capital this week trying to convince Quay how good they have been.

CONGRESS "does not have time this session to attend to a revision of the tariff and to pass anti-trust laws." So say the friends of monopoly. Why not? Surely these are the only questions that now are uppermost in the minds of the people—there is nothing else so important.

THE State treasury is holding a surplus of many millions which is not needed. These millions come out of the people's pockets in the shape of taxes. Why not let the people keep their money in their own pockets by reducing taxation, instead of piling it up in the treasury for machine politicians to use for purposes of speculation, along with the banks, who put it out and pocket the interest.

THE anthracite strike is not altogether quieted yet. It almost seems the operators are willing to see the settlement drag along that they may have an excuse for keeping up the price of coal. The people are the sufferers and the coal lords largely the gainers.

HOW IT WILL WORK.

The New Orleans Times-Democrat (dem.) which does not take much stock in talk of tariff revision "by its friends" recalls the following anecdote: "I see that the republicans have been revising the tariff," said the late Roswell P. Flower of New York to Thomas B. Reed, in commenting on the McKinley rates.

SECOND WEEK OF COURT.

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to build a sidewalk around their pursuant to an ordinance of the borough, which was neglected by the defendants, when in the latter part of said year the borough had the walks built and filed a municipal lien in court to cover the materials furnished and labor done in building said walks and added twenty per cent as a penalty.

Adilance, Platt & Company vs. Homer B. Carr, summoned in replevin, plea non cepit and property. This case is brought to recover the price of a binder, and the facts are about as follows: The defendant was the agent of the plaintiff in 1898, and by virtue of his contract agreed to guarantee notes taken in settlement of machinery sold by him, and sometime in July of that year sold a binder to a man by the name of Barnberger for one hundred and five dollars, and subsequently the machine was settled for by these notes and before the notes came due the purchaser was sold out and the notes were never paid and the company brought this action to recover from Mr. Carr. After hearing plaintiffs evidence the defendant confessed judgment in favor of the plaintiff for one hundred and ten dollars with stay of execution for six months.

Jacob N. Royer vs. Charles P. Long, summoned in trespass, plea not guilty. Settled.

Trustees of Bellefonte Academy use of Sarah Green vs. Nancy J. McMeen, widow, and Lida Curtin, heirs at law of William L. McMeen, deceased and J. Miles Green and F. P. Green, executors of etc., of Joseph Green, deceased, tenant, summoned in sive facias sur judgment, plea nil debit. Verdict in favor of the use plaintiff for twenty-eight hundred and twenty-nine dollars and ninety-five cents.

On Tuesday afternoon David Miller who was last week convicted of murder in the second degree, and C. P. Roney convicted of receiving stolen goods knowing the same to have been stolen, were called up and sentenced. David Miller was sentenced to pay a fine of one dollar, costs of prosecution and undergo imprisonment in the Western penitentiary at separate and solitary confinement for a period of eight years and eleven months, which at his age will make him about seventy-one years old at the expiration of his sentence, allowing all commutations. C. P. Roney was sentenced to pay costs of prosecution, one dollar fine and to the penitentiary for one year and four months.

B. D. Schoonover, administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits which were of Joseph Potter, late of the township of Cooper, county of Clearfield, deceased vs. John C. Nason, John M. McCord, J. C. Henderson and John A. Mull, summoned in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit and infra sex annos. Continued at the costs of the plaintiff.

Mable Kunes vs. Daniel D. Kunes, Sarah Kunes and Clarence Kunes, summoned in replevin, plea non cepit and property. This suit is brought to recover the value of a lot of dishes, furniture, glassware, bed clothing, meat and lard, etc., formerly the alleged property of Melville Kunes the deceased husband of the plaintiff, who died on the 19th day of January 1901, after which the personality of the decedent was appraised and set aside to the plaintiff under intestate laws, and when the plaintiff came to remove the goods the defendants refused to let her have the same, whereupon she had a writ in replevin issued and the goods seized, then the defendants filed a bond and retained the goods, and this suit at issue to try the title to the same and recover the value of it. It appears that a few months before the death of plaintiff's husband they moved in with the husband's parents, where the goods now are, and the plaintiff alleges that her husband bought these goods about the time they went to housekeeping and some were given to them by her husband's parents; while on the other hand the defendants allege that the goods were loaned to the son, hence the reason for her not to have them, that they were not owned by Melville Kunes the deceased. Verdict on Wednesday morning in favor of the plaintiff for eighty dollars.

Mary S. Thomas vs. Thomas Butler and Burdine Butler, feigned issue to try title to personal property levied upon by the sheriff. This case was tried here at January term 1898 and a verdict rendered in favor of the plaintiff, whereupon the defendant took an appeal to the Superior Court, which reversed the court below and sent the case back for re-trial. The case will probably last until Thursday.

Phoebe Brown, by her next friend Geo. Clum vs. Mary A. McFall, summoned in trespass, plea not guilty. Continued.

The regular edition of the Centre Democrat reached the 3600 mark this week. That is not half bad.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

A small brush, plenty of soap and hot water are the only things you ever need for sparkling glassware.

To clean plaster of paris ornaments, cover them with a thick layer of starch and let it dry. Remove with a stiff brush.

In putting up a picture molding the best effect is produced by placing it on a line with the tops of the doors and windows.

Every housekeeper should inspect her kitchen and butler's pantry towels at least every few days to see that they are wholesome, clean and well aired.

Where space is limited the triangular clothes hamper about as tall as a tickler basket, which fits nicely into the corner of a room, is likely to fill a special want.

Mice dislike camphor and advantage should be taken of this fact, for a few pennies spent on camphor will soon rid the cupboards of a house of the destructive little intruders. The method is simply to scatter camphor on the shelves.

A Truly Restful Place.

The bedroom, though primarily a place where one may sleep and wake refreshed, is also a place to dream in by day as well as by night—a place sacred to oneself, where one may go, "the world forgetting, and by the world forgot." Make it cleanly, artistically comfortable as the Japanese do. All things useful they make as decorative as possible, but for mere ornament nothing is added except, if possible, flowers, arranged as gracefully as they grow in the fields.

Their custom will bear consideration, for by this method the utmost simplicity, neatness and repose are possible. Have the furniture as light as possible both in weight and color, allow no piece of furniture a place in the bedroom that is too bulky to be moved each week for sleeping. Send the curtains to the wash often enough to keep them spotless. Banish everything from this room of rest and peace that does not materially add to the necessity of your toilet or your comfort. Then, and then only, will your ideal of a beautiful, restful bedroom be reached.

The Timid Young Lady.

It is one of the unfortunate features of our social life that young persons are not allowed to act in a simple and natural manner. The young woman is expected to be very reserved and to disclaim any special interest in young men, under penalty of being called "forward" or "bold," and of being thought to be trying to attract attention. In all cases it is the much better way to be outspoken and frank, rather than so shy as to appear awkward and be misunderstood.

No man who is worth knowing would respect a lady less for a straightforward, frank invitation to call. There are many very silly ideas in the world, but the most silly of all is that which some semibrainless men get into their heads when they fancy that all of the girls are running after them. Such vanity is an indication of very little sense.

What to Eat.

The ideal diet is not one to which every person should conform without deviation, but one from which every one may select such proportions of the natural food elements as nature requires.

The following table may be of service to those homemakers who believe their highest mission is to devote themselves to the furthering of human happiness by creating healthy conditions physically and mentally.

- Food Substances Rich in Nitrogen.—Cheese, beans, peas, eggs, meats, milk. Starch.—Rice, wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye, beans, peas, potatoes. Fat.—Cheese, meats, eggs, milk, corn, oats, wheat, rye, barley. Sugar.—Molasses, sirups, fruit, preserves. Salts, Acids, Flavors.—Vegetables, fruits, green radishes, condiments.

Greenery For the Table.

A pretty bit of greenery can be had for the dining room table by getting a small open willow basket (a school child's lunch basket will do nicely), line it with florist's moss, fill with rich loam and plant in it the curly leaved variety of cress seed. Keep it on a sunny shelf, turning it daily to make it even all round, and the basket will soon become a mass of feathery green. When the basket gets dry, it is plunged into a pan of tepid water. Keep it evenly trimmed, the prunings helping to garnish a dish or furnish a dainty salad.—Good Housekeeping.

The Mud on Your Shirt.

To remove mud splashes from soft dress material leave until thoroughly dry, then rub gently with a dry corn-cob. It will not roughen the goods as a brush does. Lake or sea sand will freshen velvet and remove the dust. Apply fine sand quite freely, then brush until none remains, always brushing the pile the wrong way.

Wooden Picture Frames.

Wooden picture frames, whether oak, walnut or any other polished wood, may be greatly improved in appearance by being rubbed with a mixture of turpentine and linseed oil. The proportion is one tablespoonful of turpentine to three of linseed oil. Apply with a small piece of dry cloth or flannel and rub until quite dry.

Very Convenient.

A very convenient article to have in the house is a smooth, strong stick about forty inches long, with a deep notch in one end. With this pictures may be lifted by the wires from their hooks, cleaned and replaced without the trouble of climbing up and down a stepladder.

RECENT DEATHS.

DANIEL ADAMS:—Died on 23 ult., at Sober, after a few days' illness, due to old age; his age was 77 years. He was a member of the Dunkard church. Three children survive, all absent from home.

JOSEPH METZLAR:—a veteran of the civil war, died at his home in Duncansville, on Friday afternoon, aged 60 years. Among his children are Eva, of Bellefonte, and Myrtle, of Unionville, Pa.

MRS DAVID ROBB:—of near Komola, while visiting the family of J. R. Kunes at Beech Creek, died Monday morning. She had been a sufferer from consumption. She was about 35 years old. Her husband and one child survive.

J. W. BREON:—died in Lock Haven Sunday night of bright's disease. He was born September 20, 1833. He is survived by his son William, three brothers and one sister. The funeral took place Wednesday. Interment at Rebersburg.

JAS. KNOPFSINGER:—died at Pleasant Gap, Friday night aged 49 years. He leaves a widow, and two children by his first wife. Cancer of the bowels caused his death, an operation was performed some months previous, but death overtook him at last.

JOHN F. CONFER:—Died Sunday Nov. 23, at the home of his son Jacob at Mt. Eagle, after a lingering illness. He is survived by a wife and five children: Mrs. Mary Bryon, of Bellefonte; Bella, of Pine Grove Mills; Jacob, George and William, of Howard.

WM. COMERFORD:—Died on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at his home at the old Howard Furnace, after an illness of six days with brain fever, aged 62 years. Mr. Comerford was at one time one of the managers of the Howard Iron works. He is survived by a wife and the following children: William, Caroline and Elizabeth who are all at Howard.

A. O. PERDUE:—died Monday morning at the home of his brother, in Lock Haven, of consumption. He was born thirty years ago at Port Matilda, Centre county. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Susan Perdue, and by the following named brothers and sister: W. E., of Philadelphia; Frank T., of Houston, Pa., and Mrs. John Cresce, of Philadelphia.

MRS. AMANDA KLINE:—Died at her home near Paradise on Wednesday 26, of heart failure, death was sudden; she had been in poor health for a long time. Mrs. Kline was a daughter of Jonas Stine and was about 65 years old. She was first married to John Switzer; her second husband having been the late Capt. Kline, a veteran of the Rebellion. Three married daughters survive her.

Mrs. George W. Stine:—died in Millin, Wednesday, 31st, aged 73 years, 9 months and 14 days. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Nearhoff, of Warriors-mark, and one brother, Samuel G. Stine, of Huntingdon. Deceased was born in Centre county and her maiden name was Sarah Stine. She was married to G. W. Stine about 44 years ago. Her surviving children are Elmer E. Stine, Mrs. J. R. Allen and Mrs. W. E. Braiton.

GEO. W. DOWNING, SR.:—died of apoplexy at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. R. A. Hoover, of Altoona, on Saturday night, aged 69 years, 11 months and 21 days. His wife preceded him to the grave twelve years ago. Frank Downing, of Bellefonte, is a son of deceased. The funeral services took place at the home of R. A. Hoover Monday evening, and the body was brought to Bellefonte on Tuesday morning for interment.

SAMUEL LONG:—of Penn Cave, took cold, Friday, which settled on his stomach, he became very ill, and died Tuesday at 3 o'clock, age about 62 years. He leaves a wife to mourn his loss, but no children. He was a member of the Reformed church, and was buried in the Union cemetery. The deceased was a useful citizen, a kind neighbor, and well known to visitors to the cave, which he had in charge as part owner for many years. He will be greatly missed in that community.

WARREN F. COHICK:—died at McElhattan, Sunday night, of consumption. He was 39 years, 2 months and 23 days old. After receiving his education he taught school at McElhattan, where he married Miss Aggie Conwell. Afterwards he was admitted to the Centre county bar. When his health began to fail, he went to Texas, where he was admitted to the bar at El Paso. About two months ago he returned to McElhattan. His wife, two children, Harry and Nora—his parents, three brothers and one sister survive. Interment Wednesday in Linnwood cemetery.

MRS. CATHERINE SMITH:—widow of Dr. James R. Smith, died Sunday evening at her residence in Pine Grove Mills, after an illness of three days duration of liver complaint. She was 72 years of age and her maiden name was Catherine Fredericks. She was born in Hartleton, a daughter of Abr. Frederick, dec'd. Her husband was at one time Associate Judge of Centre county. She was a member of the Presbyterian church. Surviving her are 8 of her 10 children, who are left to sincerely mourn a kind and loving mother. The funeral took place yesterday morning, she was interred beside her husband in the old cemetery at Pine Grove Mills.

DANIEL J. DECKER:—An old and well known resident of the Seven mountains, near Potters Mills, died at the home of his son Harry, near Centre Hill, on Saturday 22, aged 66, years of dropsy. He was born in the community in which he died. Mr. Decker was twice married. His first wife was Rebecca Breon. She died about thirty years ago. His second wife, Ann Bradford, has been dead about four years. Surviving him are his five sons: Calvin and Gideon, of Farmer's Valley, McKean Co.; Harry, of Centre Hill and Daniel of Altoona. He was well known as a stone-mason. Interment was made in the Lutheran cemetery in George's valley.

JAMES M. LUCAS:—Of Boggs twp., of whose sudden death we made brief mention last week was born in the Bald Eagle valley 73 years ago. He was a son of John Lucas, who bore the historic distinction of having been a ship carpenter on Commodore Perry's fleet. Almost all of his life was spent on the farm in Boggs twp. Surviving him are his widow and the following children: Cyrus, Samuel, Jacob, William and Mrs. Ambrose Poorman. Harry, their other son died several years ago. Interment was made at the Messiah church on Tuesday. Mr. Lucas was more than a mere resident of his township, as he had been for years entrusted with its public affairs and for eight or ten years was its collector of taxes. He was of a business turn, lenient yet firm with those he dealt with, was a prosperous farmer, provided well for his family. He was a professed christian and member of the U. B. church for thirty years or more, and was a trustee of the Runville church when he died; he was kind and devoted to his wife, and possessed an even tenor in life, esteemed and respected by his neighbors, and will be missed indeed.

NATHANIEL BIERLY:—died suddenly on Tuesday forenoon, between Milesburg and Bellefonte, while on his way to the court house, a foot, to attend court as a witness, in the Milesburg water case. He was alone heart failure being the cause of his death. He had been subject to heart trouble of late years, but there seemed no immediate danger. He was a son of Peter Bierly. The deceased many years ago moved to Central City, near Milesburg and has held the office of justice of the peace since 1879 to his death. He was born in Clinton Co. Sept. 1843, making his age 59 years. A widow, whose maiden name was Ellen Heaton, survives but no children. The deceased was a musician of vocal and instrumental talent, and a composer of music. His father was the same before him, and organized a band composed of his sons, at Madisonburg, half a century ago, and Nathaniel was a member of the then famous Bierly Band.

By trade he was a wagonmaker, but since 1891 was engaged in the mercantile business at Milesburg with, L. P. Wetzler. At the age of 19 years he enlisted in Company B, 148th P. V. I. and served three years as a member of the regimental band. He was a good citizen, and his long service as justice of the peace is evidence of the confidence the people of Boggs township reposed in him. Interment Friday morning, at 10 o'clock, in the Advent cemetery.

HARRY E. SUTTON:—died at the hospital in Philadelphia, Monday evening, and his remains were brought to Tyrone for burial. In 1891 he was caught beneath the bricks of a falling wall in Tyrone, and was severely hurt. He was aged at death 40 years, 9 months and 22 days. His occupation was that of car inspector, and he had been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The past three years he lived at Snow Shoe.

Congress Meets.

Congress met on Monday, December 1, and continue in session until March 3, at which time the present congress becomes a thing of the past.

It is quite natural that a man should have his hair cut when he doesn't want it any longer.

SPECIAL REQUEST.

January 1st will soon be here, — the time when all business men balance up books, collect outstanding accounts and endeavor also to pay their own obligations.

It takes considerable money to publish a paper every week in the year, and accounts accumulate. To meet these we depend on remittances from our patrons, and that is why this request is made. Kindly look at the date after your name, on the yellow label. It shows the month and year when your subscription expired.

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We earnestly request a remittance as early as possible, at least before January 1st, 1903, as it is necessary in the business.

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Yours Truly

CHAS. R. KURTZ, Publisher.



A Swell Long OVERCOAT FOR \$9.00

Don't misjudge the garment because of the price. You must feel the cloth, note the tailoring, see the amount of style in this garment, look at it from a "head to foot" basis.

There's two styles: Long (like picture), with full loose back, slash or top pockets, and some with cuffs on sleeves. The other is medium length, not a real baggy back nor is it close-fitting—a sort of "just between" coat. You may choose from all wool materials in Oxford and Black, Irish Frieze or Blue Kersey.

Its hardly necessary to say that any of these materials in either cut are counted on as being quite dressy and swell.

Never before did we offer such a fine quality of Coats at the price. We couldn't sell them now for this, but then they have a history. Going clear back to the beginning, 'twas when first our Fall and Winter stock arrived that we announced to the people of Centre county that their clothing wants could be supplied here at just a clean saving of 25 per cent. It seemed rather doubtful at first. We advised comparison, and compare they did to our satisfaction. The result is that there are some clothing men in town who have more clothes on hand than is to their liking, just because their prices weren't right; and that this store, by the addition of scores of new customers, sold a stock of clothing before the 15th of November that it expected to last the season through. Instead of reducing the prices on some lines of goods to what they should have been in the first place, we had to turn right around and buy an almost complete stock again. Buying late and in so large a quantity, we secured prices about equal to the cost of manufacture, and we are able to offer these Coats at about regular wholesale cost. You reap the benefit by getting them cheap; we reap the benefit by getting and holding your trade.

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