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EDITORIAL.

GOV. PENNYPACKER is still hatching the press-muzzling libel bill. What he will bring forth remains to be seen.

It is to the credit of Messrs. J. H. Wetzel and J. W. Kepler, our representatives, that they opposed the press-muzzling libel bill.

THE Governor has vetoed some bad bills within the past week and signed a few that were deserving a veto, and sanctioned some that were all right.

RUSSIA has been edging around to secure another slice of China's territory, and a first class scuffle was promised, with Japan as the aggressor, but all is serene again.

It is announced that Wall Street will soon be gunning for Roosevelt's scalp. Corporations, trusts, stock gamblers and the like realize that this government was not made exclusively for their advantage.

THE republican state convention will meet at Harrisburg, Wednesday May 17th. The nominations this year on the State ticket will be State Treasurer, Auditor General, two Judges of the Superior court.

THE new act in reference to the bill fixing the minimum salary of school teachers at \$35 per month, goes into effect on June 1, 1904. This information is given in answer, to many inquiries from teachers.

THERE is consternation in the State Department as a result of advices from China to the effect that Russia has refused to withdraw her troops from Manchuria, has demanded partial sovereignty over the province and has further demanded the exclusion of all other nations.

A PARTY of forty-six German agriculturists will arrive in New York the first week in May and will make a 10,000-mile tour of the United States, studying the agricultural methods of this country. The expected visitors are members of an "up-to-date" German agricultural society whose members make an annual excursion to some foreign country with a view to learning improved methods and being able to estimate the competition which confronts them in the various departments of agriculture.

SPEAKING of the Philippine Islands, the World remarks: The islands have cost us in "blood and treasure" 5,000 lives of our soldiers and not less than \$300,000,000, without reckoning the wounded, the hopeless invalids and the pensions. The government and the "maintenance of order" are costing us now fully \$40,000,000 a year.

What have we to show for this except a dishonored Declaration of Independence and a Constitution rent and frayed in the effort to stretch it over distant "possessions."

When the policy of conquest was forced upon the unwilling McKinley there were alluring stories told of the fabulous richness of the islands and of the enormous trade that would "follow the flag." In the last fiscal year our exports to the islands were valued at \$5,251,000—mostly for our own soldiers—and our imports at \$6,612,000. Our whole trade with the islands for a year will not equal in value the European commerce at this port alone in a single good sailing day.

In the wake of war and rapine famine and the plague appeared, as effect following cause. Thousands of the natives have died. And so general was the distress that Congress at the recent session, upon the urgent appeal of Gov. Taft, appropriated \$3,000,000 for the relief of the suffering inhabitants.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The following communication has been received from the new town of "Harter," W. Va. "Harter Bros., bought about three thousand acres of the finest timberland in the United States. It is situated in the central part of Pocahontas county, W. Va., which presents the most beautiful forest scenery in the world. Their tract is bounded on the southeast by the Green Brier river, which is one of the most beautiful rivers. The stream is always clear and the water of a sky blue. It abounds in fish of many kinds, such as black bass, trout, suckers and other kinds large enough to satisfy any fisherman. Wild ducks are very plentiful along its banks. Game, also is very plentiful in this section, such as deer, wild cats, wild turkeys, pheasants, squirrels and nearly every other kind of small game, with which the men have great sport.

In taking a stroll through the woods we saw immense trees, some of which P. M. Stevenson, the sawyer, measured and found to be nine feet in diameter and taller than any trees that we have ever seen before.

Harter Bros. have already commenced operations on their tract. The foundation and bed for the mill is completed and the mill will be started as soon as it arrives. Supplies are arriving by the carloads on nearly every freight train. The supplies consisting of lumber for their buildings, which are needed before their mill can be started, steel rails for the tramroad, trucks, dinky, feed and other things too numerous to mention. They have employed from forty to fifty men, which will soon be increased to double that number. The men are cutting ties and breaking ground for the tramroad.

The Green Brier division of C. & O. R. R. have put in a siding for the accommodation of Harter Bros. The postoffice department has under consideration the founding of a postoffice at this place, which is to be known as Harter.

Tom Miller, the horse dealer, arrived Friday evening with Harter Bros. carload of horses, which were in a fine condition. They had not received a scratch and were ready for work the next day. G. W. Secrist and George Smith accompanied Tom Miller in the horse car, and everything went well with them until some point on this side of Roncoveerte when the conductor put the former's self-propelling motor into operation, which accounted for his being late a day, while the latter gave the conductor the slip, which no doubt will make his Pennsylvania best rejoice.—Journal.

FORTUNE SEEKERS.

Make a note of it, that all the stories of "estates of many millions in the bank of England," awaiting gudgeons in America, have turned out myths, serving well to draw dollars from the purses of such as were cunningly made believe they were in line to secure big fortunes, by contributing to the expense account of some fellow's trip to Europe, to look up the pile moulding in the bank of England, painfully awaiting an agent of "the heirs" to cart it away. A score of such schemes have gone the way of mists and myths, within the past fifteen years, for Centre county "heirs" alone, and any number in other parts. When a plausible story is made to you about a great fortune in Europe, just offer to sell-out your interest to the fellow who is so wonderfully concerned that you get a slice of millions, which he is so sure he can secure for you, offer to sell out to him, we say, for 5 cents on the dollar for his estimate of your share, cash down and neither he nor the fortune will ever again bother you thereafter.

THE VILLAGE LIAR.

I never liked a liar, but the other night th' rain Wuz sheddin' tears o' sorrow up ag'nst his winder pain. An' Ebenexer Smith dropped in an' laid his hat aside. (He's noted for his truthfulness from Holly Bend to Clyde). An' well, he set an' g'ussed an' talked 'bout commonplace events. Till, dern, I was gloomier'n half o' thirty cents! An' then old Cotton pulled the latch! An' blame me, sir, before. Ten minutes I forgot the rain wuz peltin' at the door! He had me out in Arizona a fightin' 'Pache chiefs. An' helpin' of the cowboys stringin up the cattle thieves. An' I was present at the time he captured Malvern Hill. Till I declared on rainy nights old Cotton fills the bill. From Malvern Hill he took a switch to Tur key; set an' g'assed About the things the Sultan said the time he met him last. An' though I hate a liar, there are certain times, I've found— Fr' instance when it's rainin' an' the elder's goin' round— That some old whiskered reprobate kin entertain we with His lies a dern sight better than kin honest neighbor Smith. —Indianapolis Sun.

Great Matrimonial Catch.

A Moberly man, who was contemplating matrimony, sent in the following reply to an advertisement he saw in a matrimonial paper: "I inclose my photograph, with my full description. It shows the features as nachel as can be only it is to dark. I am very lise complexion, gray eyes, orbon hair, 9 foot high, weigh 190 pounds, lette inclined to bee hump shouldered. The girl that steals my hart I will make happy for I am hunting a girl that I can idelise and make an angle of."

RECENT DEATHS.

DR. JAS. A. NORRIS:—the well known dentist of Phillipsburg, died at his home in that place on Friday morning of lung trouble. He was aged 31 years.

MISS AGNESS M. OLIVER:—only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Oliver, of Graysville, and niece of Mrs. T. C. VanTries, died Wednesday, aged 10 years and two months. The funeral will take place Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment in the Graysville cemetery.

MRS. MARGARET NELSON:—died at her home in Point Lookout Saturday morning, after an illness of three weeks with asthma. She had just completed her 71st year on the 8th inst. She has lived in Phillipsburg for sixteen years, her husband dying about four years previous.

MRS. SHERMAN BENNET:—died at her home on North Allegheny street Saturday morning aged 27 years, of pneumonia. She leaves a husband and two children. Also her father Jonas Emil and three brothers and one sister as follows: Edward, William, George and Annie.

MRS. A. J. DALE:—aged nearly 73 years, died at the home of her son, John T. Dale, in Osceola, a few days ago. Another son, J. L. Dale, of Wareham, and one daughter, Mrs. John Boozer, of Osceola, also survive. Mrs. Dale years ago lived at Centre Hall, where her husband was employed in the foundry.

MRS. MARY MITCHELL:—widow of the late Rev. Ira C. Mitchell, whose maiden name was Darrach, and who previous to her marriage to Mr. Mitchell was the widow of James McKibben, died at Lima, O., and the remains were brought to Howard, Monday morning for interment. Deceased was aged about 60 years, and is survived by several children.

MRS. MARY GLENN:—died at State College on Thursday night, 23, at twelve o'clock, aged 41 years. Her maiden name was Mary Henderson, was the wife of Dr. W. S. Glenn a prominent physician of State College. Her parents were Robert and Mary Henderson who for many years resided in Buffalo Run valley. The deceased had been an invalid for several months. Mrs. Glenn was a christian woman, loved and respected by every one. She was a kind and faithful wife, a loving and devoted mother, and a benevolent and sympathetic neighbor and friend, and will be deeply missed by family and neighbors, for her noble womanly qualities. The funeral took place Saturday at 2 p. m. Interment in the Branch Cemetery.

REUBEN PAGE:—died on Thursday evening, 23, at his home at Linden Hall. He had been a great sufferer for a number of years, having received wounds during the Civil war which caused him many days of pain. When the call for troops was made in 1862 he was among the first to volunteer, and served faithfully as a member of Co. G, of the 148 P. V. He fought in 20 battles that the regiment was engaged in and at the battle of Gettysburg received wounds which ultimately caused his death. His age June 20, next, would have been 80 years old. He was a consistent christian gentleman, and a life long member of the United Evangelical church. He was born in Juniata county. He was many years a patron and caller at the Democrat office, and a frequent visitor to Bellefonte. He leaves to mourn, his wife Mary, and seven children, namely: Mrs. David Barlett, of Bellefonte; Mrs. W. T. Noll and Mrs. David Harshbarger, of Jeanette; Mrs. William Stover, of Boolsburg; John, of Rebersburg; George, of Blanchard; and Joshua at home. The funeral occurred on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Rock Hill, cemetery. Peace to the ashes of the old veteran and patriot.

A Skunk in the Kitchen.

There was a "loot" time in the home of Henry McCloskey, tenant on the C. G. Parst farm in East Nittany, the other day. A box rabbit trap was set in the cellar for rats and one was captured—at least they thought so, but they found out differently to their sorrow. The animal was liberated in the kitchen in order to afford sport for the dog and the lookers on, but the fun was quickly turned to dismay. The animal proved to be a skunk in full bloom and if ever one of his species made things lively he did. The family are now wearing new clothing and new furniture and carpet adorns the kitchen.

Ate Smallpox Infected Trout.

Torbirt Johnston, a lumberman in the Black forest region, caught smallpox in a most surprising way. He ate brook trout caught in a stream in which it has since been discovered a number of woodsmen who had smallpox had bathed. Johnston lives alone and just a week after his fine meal of speckled beauties the disease broke out. As a result trout fishing has ceased in all the streams in the Black forest region.

MISS MAY V. RHONE, of Centre Hall, daughter of Leonard Rhone, will take the place of Frank S. Chapin, of Milton, as chief clerk in the office of Stat Economic Zoologists Surface, at Harrisburg. She held the same position under the Hasting's administration. Centre county now has four plums at Harrisburg: Mr. Fleming a clerkship; Mr. Chambers, an auditorship and an aid on the governor's staff; Miss Fable stenographer to the governor and Ed. Rankin, clerkship.

SUDDEN DEATH OF C. M. BOWER

(Continued from 1st page.) The Supreme Court reports, for years, attest his prominence at the bar, showing that year after year he appeared in that tribunal in the leading cases from the courts to which his practice extended.

Politically, Mr. Bower was a Democrat. Coming from a family which has always been faithfully devoted to the principles of the Democratic party, he never faltered in his party allegiance. Although actively engaged in the practice of his profession, he was always able to find time to respond to the call of his party, and in all the important campaigns since 1872 he has taken an active part. In 1875 he was chairman of the Democratic county committee, and by his untiring work, succeeded in effecting an organization which brought out a full vote resulting in a majority for Judge Pershing, the candidate for governor, of 1506 in Centre county. He was frequently a delegate to state conventions, and in 1880 he was honored with a place on the Democratic electoral ticket. In 1894 he was unanimously nominated by his party for President Judge of the 49th Judicial District, comprising the counties of Centre and Huntington. In the disastrous campaign of that year he went down with the rest of the Democratic ticket, but ran 1529 ahead of his ticket in the district. The next year the counties, comprising the district, presented Mr. Bower's name to the Democratic state convention for the nomination for Judge of the Superior Court, and he was defeated by Judge Magee, of Pittsburg, by only twenty-eight votes. He was a prominent candidate for the Democratic nomination for Judge of this county next year.

Mr. Bower was an active and prominent member of the Reformed church. He was frequently a delegate to Classis and Synod, and has for years been a member of the Board of Home Missions. While Mr. Bower was thoroughly devoted to his church, he was interested in the cause of religion without regard to denominational lines. He was noted for his liberality, and no one representing a good cause was ever refused recognition, no matter what the creed or denomination. He was also an active worker in the cause of education. Since 1882 he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin & Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., and, as a mark of appreciation, that institution conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. He possessed a very fine library, of his own selection, and here is where he found recreation and leisure in his spare moments, and was perfectly at home among his books. Not only law but general literature, history and the sciences were of interest to him and subjects for investigation.

By earnest and careful study he had become prominent in literary circles as in his profession. Judge Orvis, while on the bench, fittingly recognized Mr. Bower's legal and literary attainments by appointing him a member of the examining committee. In point of service he is the oldest member of that committee, and has for years been its president. His family extraction is that of the sturdy, industrious, substantial "Pennsylvania Germans," who in many sections of this state constitute the commonwealth's most stable yeomanry, and who from time to time furnished this State with men of highest mental attainments and the most scrupulous integrity.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION.

The Masonic Temple, at this place, was thronged on last Friday evening, the occasion was the installation of officers of Constans Cammandery No. 33 Knights Templar, by members of the order and their lady friends. Christie Smith's orchestra furnished music and a quartet rendered several choice selections.

Em. Sir Knight Wilson I. Fleming Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Cammandery of Pennsylvania proceeded to install Sir J. S. McCargar as Eminent Cammander. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:

Em. Com.—Em. Sir J. S. McCargar; Generalissimo—Sir Boyd A. Musser; Capt. Gen.—Sir M. S. McDowell; Treas.—Em. Sir Hammond Sechler; Recorder—Sir W. Homer Crissman; Prelate—Sir and Rev. R. H. Wharton; Asst. Prelate—Sir and Rev. G. I. Brown; Senior Warden—Sir Frank Warfield; Junior Warden—Jesse T. Cherry; Standard bearer—Sir Philip D. Poster; Sword bearer—Sir W. L. Daggett; Warden—Sir Sidney Krumrine; Capt. of the Guard—Sir D. S. Stuart; 1st guard—Sir Oscar E. Miles; 2nd guard—Sir George C. Watson; 3rd guard—Sir H. P. Schaeffer; Sentinel—Sir J. Robert Cole. At the conclus on of the exercises an elaborate banquet followed. Among those in attendance from a distance were: Dr. M. E. Wadsworth and wife, Dr. Wm. Frear and wife, Prof. Geo. C. Watson and wife, Prof. M. S. McDowell and wife and Prof. Geo. C. Butz and wife of State College; Mrs. Luther Roberts, of Pasadena, Cal.; Dr. Thos. Tobin and wife, of Tyrone and Mrs. D. J. Meyer, of Centre Hall.

Mining in '02 Cost 756 Lives.

The report of James E. Roderick, chief inspector of the Bureau of Mining, just completed, shows that mining in the anthracite field in 1902, despite the long term of idleness, cost 756 lives. In addition 641 men were injured out of a total of 143,141 employed. The total anthracite production was 36,911,551 tons. An abstract of the bituminous report ending Dec. 31, 1902, shows: Total production of soft coal, 98,947,170 tons; number of days worked, 220 2 3; number of men employed, 135,368; number of fatal accidents, 436; non-fatal, 867.

A woman who is ashamed of her husband, nevertheless expects others to respect him. Figures never lie, but the people who juggle them do. Straightened finances often turn crooked. Many so-called low-neck dresses have no neck at all.

TOILET TIPS.

Sweet almond oil rubbed into the hands will keep them soft. An invigorating tonic bath is prepared by soaking several slices of lemon or limes in the bath water for an hour, then adding a handful of bran.

Varnish stains on the hands should be rubbed with a little methylated spirit, then wiped dry and finally washed thoroughly with soap and water.

A little cold cream put on with a face rag or soft cloth is a good substitute for soap and water. It keeps the skin smooth and soft, at the same time cleansing it effectively.

For a mouth wash take a teaspoonful of powdered borax and a tablespoonful of pure glycerin and add cold water. Keep covered, and it will last for several days, when it may be renewed. Use every morning before brushing the teeth.

Rinsing the face and hands thoroughly after washing is quite as important as the washing itself, if the people who make beauty a study are to be believed. The soap must be got out of the pores or it will roughen and dry the skin and often aggravate the tendency to blackheads.

A Clean Sink.

When I first set up housekeeping, I resolved to have a sink that was "clean enough to eat out of," says a writer in Good Housekeeping. At first this seemed almost impossible, because of the soot from the kettles and the scraps from the dishwasher. But I bought two wire meat racks, a funnel which fitted exactly into the drain and a strainer which fitted exactly into the funnel. The strainer should be of tin, as the wire gauze is too fine and does not wear well. The meat racks should have little legs at the corners which keep them well above the surface of the sink. All the pots, kettles, etc., even to the dishpan, are set on these gratings, and all the dishwasher is poured into the strainer when the dishes are done. I empty the scraps from the strainer, and with a fresh pan of hot water I rinse off the grates and the funnel, wipe them, tip my water in the sink, and with a few strokes of a small brush the sink is immaculate.

A Laundry Convenience.

A rather stiff brush about four and a half inches long, without counting the length of the handle, and two or three inches wide is a convenient article in the laundry outfit. Corsets and flannels are much more easily scrubbed clean with a brush than rubbed clean on a board. Flannels of pure wool which are not rubbed, but scrubbed with a brush, using water softened with ammonia or borax and a white nonresinous soap, will not shrink and grow hard if they are dried on a firm wooden frame. Rubbing all wool flannel on a board causes the ultimate spiral fibers of the wool to become entangled and shrink. This cannot happen when a flannel is scrubbed with a brush. The dirt is also more easily removed from the interstices of the cloth by using the brush. Hard water and resinous brown soaps cause flannel to be hard.

Do Not Wear What is Unbecoming. It is quite absurd to wear what is fashionable, but unbecoming. The first duty of a woman in dress is to look well, and it does not come within her obligation to be a mere block for the display of her dressmaker's inventions. The modistes, the manufacturers and the tradesmen are responsible for a constant change of fashions in order to keep their business successful, but it is no part of a lady's duty to devote herself to their encouragement. Indeed, the best born of her sex, as a rule (for there are exceptions to every rule), keep to one style of clothes and modes which suit them and change them only a little as the time goes on.

Set the Bed Away From the Wall. Where shall we set the bed? Away from the wall and so arranged that we may go all around it without moving for health's sake and convenience in making. Physicians tell us that it is very unhealthy to sleep near the wall, on account of dampness for one thing, and another thing more serious is that one's breath is thrown back to be inhaled again. An instance is related where a severe morning headache was cured permanently by simply moving the bed from near the wall into the middle of the room.

Crystal Mats For Plants.

An experienced flower grower who has her plants not only on the several window sills of her apartment, but scattered through the room on tables and stands, says she has found that a square of glass makes the most effective support for a flowerpot or jardiniere. If placed on the woodwork itself or on a center, table, the pot is sure to make a bad spot. The glass saves the polished wood or bit of embroidery, at the same time not concealing them.

Cultivate a Hobby.

Marion Harland says that the worst thing a woman can do is to settle down into a life of "nothing in particularism." She advises women who have no profession to cultivate a hobby, citing the instances of a man who for years fought disease with a strawberry patch and of a woman who added a dozen years to her life by keeping humming birds.

Papering a Room.

If you want to paper a room yourself, always remember that a self color paper is far easier to manage than one in which there is a pattern to be matched. These can be had in almost any shade and with a fancy border round the top even if there is no moldings, look extremely nice.

KISSES AT \$200.

At Middletown, N. Y., a jury has fixed \$200 as the price a middle-aged man must pay for kissing a middle-aged woman against her will. This is too little—and too much. A kiss obtained from a middle aged woman against her will is not worth a cent. A kiss obtained from any woman against her will, whatever her age or previous condition of servitude is not worth a cent.

A kiss obtained from any woman who is personally attractive, with her full consent and hearty participation, is worth more than \$200—much more—and a kiss bestowed under these conditions by a high-bred, warm-blooded woman of middle-age is simply beyond price.

True, there can be no way of regulating the market value of a kiss, but if there were, only millionaires could afford to kiss middle-aged women of the proper pulchritude and pedigree, and hence not often.

Kisses stolen from or bestowed upon girls, debutants or other exceedingly young women are thrown away. It is a shameful waste of raw material. It is only the ladies who have arrived at an age when they stop counting who are fully equipped and qualified to sign, seal and deliver a kiss that will burn a hole through sandpaper. And these are the only kisses worth worrying about or striving after.

Wasn't Cleopatra 40 when she did all the damage? Do you for one instant suppose that Sappho was a bread-and-butter miss?

The man who buys a kiss is a chump; the man who steals one from unwilling lips ought to be locked up in a foolish house; the man who steps up like a winner and sips it from the ripe, red lips of maturity is a gentleman and a hero, always in demand.

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