## The Centre Democrat.

FRED KURTZ, SR.,

CHAS. R. KURTZ. Editor and Proprietor, W. FRANCIS SPEER, Associate Editor

SWORN CIRCULATION OVER 5,500

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION: \$1.50 PER YEAR Persons who send or bring the money to the office and pay in advance, \$1 per year

CENTRE DEMOCRAT clubs with
N. Y. thrice-a-week World for.......
Pittsburg Stockman for.....

The date your subscription expires is plainly printed on the label bearing your name. All credits are given by a change of label the first issue of each month. Watch that, after you remit. We send no receipts unless by special request. Watch date on your label.

Subscribers changing postoffice address, and not notifying us, are liable for same.

Subscriptions will be continued, unless otherwise directed.

wise directed.

We employ no collector. You are expected to sendor bring the money to this office.

## THE THIRD TICKET.

Wednesday morning there was an important gathbring of prominent citizens of about Bellefonte. in Crider's Exchange, who were in sympathy with the movemeet for placing a Third Party Ticket in the field this year in Pennsyl-vania. It was composed of Republicans, Democrats and Prohibitionists. Hammond Sechler was chosen as chairman, and R. G. Spigelmeyer, secretary. Hon. D. F. Fortney stated the purpose of the meeting clearly and briefly Other similar addresses were made by A. A. Dale and C.C. Shuey. The purpose of the meeting was to select a delegate from Centre county to the Independent Convention at Philadelphia, which is in session in Philadelphia to-day and where they will nominate an independ-

ent or third state ticket. The name of ex-sheriff W. Miles Walker, of Bellefonte, was proposed and was unammously chosen, and advised to support the best man possible and encourage the selection of representative men from both parties on this

Mr. Walker left on Wednesday noon and will attend the convention to-day.

A Voice from the West.

In the issue of July 14th we thought we were giving John Rankin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rankin, a nice no tice of his leaving for the west with Frank Curtin. We knew the young man had not been feeling well and upon inquiry were informed he had a little touch of tuberculosis. This we stated because we believed it was However, we must have brushed John's hair the wrong way, for he came back at us this week with a battle axe. In a letter he states that he hasn't any lung trouble, and incidentally went out to Bernardino, Cal., for the purpose of picking up any "change" that might come his way In other words, he was taking Horace Greely's advice to "go west" and grow with the country. We therefore take pleasure in correcting the error and hope that he will grow so corpulent that when he returns home will have to ride in a gondola car, instead of the regular passenger coach, will bring with him gold nuggets like unto cannon balls. Here's success to the young man, with the hope our mistake will not prevent him from securing a nice wife.

Postal Savings Bank. Announcement is made that the postal savings bank system will be partially inaugurated in October. Thus far 169 postmasters in 28 States have requested that their offices be made branches and 353 banks in 41 States that they be named as its depositories. A special stamp is being devised to supplant the franking caption official envelopes, so that the cost of the new system may be determined Let us by all means, says the Pittsburg Post, have the plan tried that it may be seen whether it is adapted to this country. Its success abroad does not settle the question. Already difficulties in certain communities have been suggested but these could not militate against general feasibility For instance, where private boxes exceed in number the institution of the system would mean the crippling of the borrowing power of citizens. That could be obviated, of course by nationalizing these private banks.

### WEDDINGS.

Bennett-Hamer.

On Saturday evening, July 16, at the Methodist manse in Stormstown, Miss Bertha Hamer and Allison Bennett, both of Port Matilda, were married. After congratulations and the extending of good wishes the happy pair returned to Port Matilda.

Harpster-Blair.

Wednesday evening, July 20, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Blair, near Warriorsmark, their daughter, Eliza Ray, was united in marriage to William E. Harpster. Rev. A. L. Frank officiated. About forty of their friends and relatives were present to extend hearty congratulations and to share the delicious fare at dinner.

Shiek-Campbell. On Wednesday evening of last week a quiet but pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John The house was neatly decorated for the occasion with evergreens and flowers, giving everything an attractive appearance. At 7:30 o'clock. and in the presence of a few invited guests, Rev. C. W. Winey, pastor of the United Brethren church, united in the bonds of matrimony Alcie Shiek and Miss Lillie Mae Campbell, both of New Florence, Pa. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Davis, and is an attractive and accomplished young lady, being held in high esteem in her home community, and in Coleville as well where she is well known. The well, where she is well known. The groom is an industrious young man and holds a fine position in New Florence, where they will make their future home.

The Woodward post office in the east end of Haines township, in the outstart many years ago, was named Fillmore, and after a short period was changed to Woodward, in honor of Geo. W. Woodward, who was president judge of the Centre Judicial district and afterwards was appointed as chief justice of the state supreme court. The name of Fillmore was ome time thereafter given to the post ffice up Buffalo Run.

Neighboring county exchanges reto be an immense one.

### CHINESE CUNNING.

An Official's Subtle Scheme For Securing His Prisoners.

One of the funniest stories about Chinatown is not really Chinese. It was told by a British consul at one of the treaty ports. He arrested nine delinquent Chinese, intending to turn them over to the tender mercles of the native magistrate next morning. Meanwhile he gave them into the custody of a Chinese policeman, telling him to lock them up, though there was no jail at the consulate. But the policeman was equal to the emergency. He solemniy saluted, saying, "I obey!" and ed and announced that they were safely caged.

The consul was curious to see how and where. He followed his policeman to the yard. There he saw the nine prisoners dancing round the consulate flagstaff, lugubriously chanting the Chinese equivalent of "ring around a rosy." Whenever the dance showed signs of flagging the policeman stirred them up with a long pole. They seemed at first sight to be holding each other's hands, but, looking closer, the cousul saw that they were handcuffed

together. "Well," said the consul, "if they are chained in a ring around the flagstaff they can certainly not get away. But | tion. why do you make them dance?"

"Ah." answered the Chinese policeman, with infinite cunning, "so that they cannot climb up the pole and get away!"

The consul broke out into a loud British laugh and tried to explain to the Chinaman that the nine prisoners could certainly not all climb up the pole at once, but the Chinaman had his idea and held to it. So the dance went on .- Harper's Weekly.

### AWED THE STUDENTS.

Jean Richepin's First Lesson as an Instructor In Literature.

At the age of twenty-two Jean Richepin, the French poet and dramatic author, accepted a place as instructor in their principal occupation in class was at their estuaries. raising chaos.

Richepin's first lesson began amid a storm of whistling and catcalls. But | municating with the main are less salt. | threads, each only one two-thousandth the young instructor's voice boomed from the rivers that flow into them. of an inch thick. But in 1820 an Engout above the uproar and imperiously To this, however, the Mediterranean commanded silence. "Gentlemen." he is an exception, owing to great evap- ton introduced the spider's line. This said. "I am not here because I like it oration and the influx of sait currents can be readily obtained a fourth of of you going to stand in the way? If The water in the strait of Gibraitar and has also advantages in its strength there is. I should be obliged if he will at the depth of 670 fathoms is four tell me so face to face on the Place du times as sait as that at the surface .-Pantheon, where I am ready to meet St. James' Gazette. him at any time. And inasmuch as we are all of us about the same age, you understand, of course, that the interview will be with bare fists."

the desk, and the desk broke in two, low the lover may insure dreams of and he and his pupils lived happily ever afterward. Thus runs the official legend .- Argonaut.

Crafty M. Blanc.

Blanc, the founder of the Monte Carlo gambling resort, was well aware of the desperate character of many of his customers. Knowing that they included the scum and riffraff of the world, he took precautions against them. He never carried any money. which fact be announced so frequently and publicly that it was known everywhere along the Riviera that the millionaire Blanc never had a penny on his person. But he carried in a pocketbook a draft on red paper for several hundred thousand francs, payable to the indorsee. He feared kidnaping as much as robbery, and in case of abduction he intended to ransom himself with this draft. But the instructions at his office were not to cash a red draft with his signature unless a telegram was received from him ordering it to be done.

A Painful Process.

I was quite surprised one day when upon telling my little five-year-old girl, who was of a saving disposition, that I would put her pennies in the bank to have her educated to find that she burst into violent weeping and shouted, "I won't be educated; it burts." "Hurts?" I queried. "What do you

"I know," shy sobbed. "They take a knife and scrape your arm and it swells up. I won't take my money to

be educated."-Delineator.

Friends In Need. "I don't put much faith in proverbs." said Brown to Jones. "For instance, look at the oft quoted one. 'A friend in need is a friend indeed.' Now, most of my experience with friends in need has been that they wanted to borrow, Give me the friends that are not in

The Other Way. "Then you don't want to leave footprints upon the sands of time?" "Nix." answered the politician guardedly. "All I want is to cover up my

tracks."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Noise Explained. She (sternly)-I heard a noise very late. He (facetiously)-Was it the night falling? She-No, it wasn't. It

American. The Glory of Life. To be a strong hand to another in the time of need, to be a cup of strength to a human soul in a time of

weakness, is to know the glory of life.

was the day breaking.-Baltimore

It is impossible to be just if or not generous .- Roux,

#### A SERIOUS DINER.

The Way the Great Emperor Charles Each of the Giant Shade Trees Cost a

V. Ate His Meals. The diary 't a German gentleman, description of the table habits of the their foliage encompass her quaint greatest ruler in his day is very inter-streets in delicious green coolness,

courses of six dishes. The emperor | For nearly two miles along the highhad no one to carve for him. He be- way, which for the most part follows gan by cutting his bread in pieces the shore of the harbor, these splendid marched his men off. Soon he return- large enough for one mouthful, then specimens rear themselves at fairly attacked his plate. He often used his regular intervals, though the ax has in fingers while he held the plate under times past brought some of the monhis chin with the other hand.

last drop, practically at one draft.

his chair, finally picked his teeth with setting out trees. quills and after washing his hands,

#### SALT WATER.

Deep Seas Are More Saline Than Those That Are Shallow.

The density of sea water depends upon the quantity of saline matter it contains. The proportion is generally about 3 or 4 per cent, though it varies in different places. The ocean contains more salt in the southern than in the northern bemisphere, and the Atlantic contains more than the Pacific. The greatest proportion of salt in the Pacific is in the parallels of 22 degrees north latitude and 17 degrees south latitude. Near the equator it is less, and in the polar seas it is least, from the melting of the ice.

The saltness varies with the seasons literature in a school which prepared in these regions, and the fresh water, students for the military college of being lighter, is uppermost. Rain est possible fineness and procured at St. Cyr. His employers warned him makes the surface of the sea fresher that the future army officers took very than the interior parts, and the influx treme limit of tenuity attainable with little interest in belies-lettres and that of rivers renders the ocean less sait

that are shallow, and inland seas com-

Lore of the Clover.

his clinched hand down upon or evil spirits. With it under the pilthe beloved one. A fragment in the shoe of a traveler insures a safe journey. Of the five leaved clover it is demagic plant:

scatter bliss around, And not a tear or aching heart should in the world be found.

-London Globe.

The Nature of Friendship.

Friendship may be fostered, but cannot be forced. Two are as one, not because it is in the will of either, but because it is in the nature of both. When souls of similar fiber encounter each other the gods preside at the meeting. I may not cockily say, "I will make this man my friend." He either is or is not my friend without any decision of mine or his. The ages have been shaping the two of us, and if we fit into each other well and good:

if not, we know it instinctively and

are worlds apart though we toast our

shins at the same fire and bandy words

till doomsday .- Richard Wightman in Metropolitan Magazine. Consolation.

There had been a little quarrel after the honeymoon.

"And just look at my pretty linen collar," sobbed the young wife; "the tears have trickled down and wilted it out of shape. You haven't a bit of feeling."

"Indeed I have," laughed the big husband; "I'm going to fix things up." "H-how, George?" "Why, the next time I go downtown

I am going to buy you a waterproof collar."-Chicago News.

A Special Brand.

Mrs. Recentmarrie-I want half a

dozen red lemons. The Fruiterer-Red lemons? Mrs. Recentmarrie-Yes. sir; I want to surprise my busband by making him some red lemonade.--Chitago News.

The Two Periods.

The career of every successful man may be divided into two periods-first, when he is not given credit for what he knows and, second, when he is given credit for what he doesn't know .-

Do not talk about disgrace from a thing being known when the disgrace is that the thing should exist .- Fal-

### KITTERY POINT ELMS.

Pint of Rum One of the most striking attractions Partholomew Sastrow, who lived in of the old town of Kittery Point has the time of the Emperor Charles V., long been her towering elms. They gives us a good idea of the gastronom- rise magnificently above trees of all ic customs of those times. Sastrow's other varieties, and in summer with transform the fine old place into a ver-Young princes and counts served the liable seashore fairyland and last, but

There were invariably for not least, enrapture the summer visitor. archs crashing to the earth.

When he felt thirsty he made a sign | The story of the circumstances atto the "doctor" standing by the table; tending the planting of the giants, as then they went to the sideboard for it has been handed down from father two silver flagons and filled a gobiet to son, runs as follows: "Major Thomwhich held about a measure and a as Cutts, one of the old town fathers, The emperor drained it to the who conducted a fishing business, foreign commerce, a store and a tavern During the meal he never uttered a in the famous Pepperell mansion (built syllable, scarcely smiled at the most 1662), conceived the very commendable amusing sailies of the jesters behind idea of beautifying his native town by

"Accordingly in 1791 he gave one retired to a window recess, where any- Samuel Blake the contract. Samuel's body could approach him with a peti- remuneration was nothing more or less than a pint of rum. doubtless brought from the West Indies by one of the major's pinkles, for each tree planted. There were originally ninety of them, and they extended from the Seavey lot, near where the First Christian church now stands, to the 'top of the Point' or the shore of Spruce creek."-Kennebec Journal.

## THE SPIDER'S THREAD.

Its Use by Astronomers In Their Study of the Stars.

The threads of the garden spider are fixed by astronomers in their telescopes for the purpose of giving fine lines to the field of view by which the relative positions of stars may be accurately measured.

For a century astronomers desired to make use of such lines of the greatfirst silver wire drawn out to the exthat metal. They also tried bairs one five-hundredth of an inch thick and Deep seas are more saline than those threads of the silkworm's cocoon, which are split into two component lish instrument maker named Trough-I am here for my living. Is any one from the Black sea and the Atlantic. the thickness of the slikworm's thread and freedom from twist.

In order to obtain the thread the spider is carefully fixed on a miniature rack, and the thread, which at the moment of issue from the body is Any one who carries about a four a viscid liquid, is made to adhere to leaved clover will be lucky and will a winder, by turning which the desired And, so saying, young Richepin have the power of discovering ghosts length of firm but elastic thread can be procured.-London Graphic

Henley's Sufferings.

In fifty-four years of his life-be was born in 1849-W: E. Henley never clared that if it be worn on the left knew what a day's perfect health side of a maiden's dress or fastened meant. When little more than a boy behind the hall door the Christian he was attacked by a disease which name of the first man who enters will necessitated the amputation of one be the same as that of the future hus foot. He was told later by the docband. The power of the four leaved tors that the sacrifice of the other leg shamrock for good is familiar to all was necessary were he to live. The from Lover's pretty and once popular fame of Dr. Lister had reached Hensong, the speaker in which pictures ley, and, penniless and almost friend what she would do should she find the less, he determined to try Edinburgh infirmary. Thither he traveled third I would play the enchanter's part and class in physical suffering such as few have known, and when he reached the infirmary his whole possessions amounted to a few shillings. His confidence in Lister was justified, and his leg was saved. He was and remained a cripple, but neither hopeless nor helpless. His astounding nimbleness under these conditions suggested to Rob ert Louis Stevenson the physical sketch of John Silver.

A Hard One. "The self made man is splendid." said Andrew Carnegie at a dinner in Washington. "If he makes himself a mental and spiritual no less than a financial success. Too many self made men neglect the intellectual side. This sometimes-at commencements, for example-puts them at a disadvantage. I know a self made man who said at a commencement to his nephew:

"'Well, Tommy, my son, what do they teach you here?" "'Latin and Greek,' the boy replied.

and German and algebra." " 'Dear me!' cried the self made man. 'And what's the algebra for turnip?' -St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Difference. "What do you regard as the chief difference between a theorist and a practical man?"

"A theorist," replied Senator Sorghum, "studies out how a thing ought to be done, and the other fellow makes up his mind how it can be done."-Washington Star.

Out of the Ordinary. Belle-Why do you encourage that stupid Mr. Blinks? Nelle-Why, he says things I never heard any other man say! Belle-Honestly? He proposed?-Cleveland Leader.

His Constituents. "Ever had 'em strew flowers in your path as you returned home, senatory" "Naw. I'm satisfied not to have 'em strew banana peelings." - Pittsburg

Mrs. A.-My husband is positively impossible. He knows nothing. Mrs. B.—Mine is simply unbearable. He

knows everything. - London Tit-Bits.

# **ELECTRIC TOAST**

Made on a G. E. Radiant Toaster is the best toast ever toasted. Ask any of your friends who uses

Bellefonte Electric Company

SINGS ITS DEATH SONG.

A Peculiar Bird Found In the Jungles of South America.

There is a queer bird in the jungles of northern South America which is called the "pauji" by the natives, but is known to science as the galeated curasson. It is chiefly remarkable be-

cause it sings its own death song. It does not really sing, but makes a deep bumming noise which sounds very much like the Spanish words "El muerto esta aqui" (the corpse lies bere-"It is while attering this higheriou-

chant," said a South American travel er, "that the pauli usually meets it death, for the bunter can then east track it to its retreat, and it falls a victim, as the Indians say, to its own death song."

If the pauji gets suspicious it immediately ceases humming, and that is a sure indication to the hunter that the bird has seen him or scents danger. In such a case the only thing for

fectly still The bird may become reassured after waiting awhile and again begin to call. "The corpse iles here." it can then be cautiously approached and

If it is only wounded the pauji usually escapes, though it cannot fly much better than the ordinary domestic fowl. It is very fleet of foot and will outrun the bunter until it is lost in the dense undergrowth of the jungle.

in the mating season the male pauji is the most pugnacions of birds and will fight its own kind whenever it meets them. Often the fight ends in the annihilation of both combatants.

Our Friends.

If we choose our friends for what they are, not for what they have, and if we deserve so great a blessing, then they will be always with us, preserved in absence and even after death, in the amber of memory -- Cicero

# ATTENTION!

CHURCH TRUSTEES

Vacation time is here. Now is the time to have that church repapered and painted.

18 years experience makes us proficent in our business.

PAINTING, GRAINING, DECORAT ING AND SIGN WRITING.

PENN DECORATING CO. BELLFONTE.

# OUR July Sale In June

WAS A BIG SUCCESS.

But having a great many Suits two and three of a kind left over, we just put the knife much harder to the price tickets, and to clean them quickly.

25 Men's \$17.50 Suits go at

\$13.95

38 Men's \$13.50 and \$15.00 go at

29 Men's \$12.00 and \$15.00 Suits at 8.95

35 Men's Suits worth up to \$10.00 at 5.95

YOUTHS' SUITS AT THE SAME REDUCTIONS.

## Claster's Underselling Store,

The Birthplace of Low Prices

Crider's Exchange,

Allegheny St.,

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Bellefonte.