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CITY AND COUNTY.

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COMMUNICATIONS intended for publication in the EAGLE must be accompanied by a responsible name, as a guarantee of sincerity on the part of the writer. The name will not be published unless so desired by the correspondent. Correspondents should make their communications short and to the point. Our space is too limited for very long articles.

Write only on one side of the paper, and as plainly as possible, without flourishes.

P. C.—The only way we know of to keep your name out of the paper, is to keep sober, and out of the station house.

H. M.—If you go to a lawyer, you can get the desired information. That's not in our line.

J. K.—The lady had a perfect right to give you the mitten, because you would have made "anybody's sister" miserable, if you continue in dissipation.

MR. W. L. GIBSON has opened a new saloon under the General Taylor House, in N. Eighth street.

BUSHONG & BRO., owing to a large increase in their business, have been obliged to extend the counters in their Banking House.

COMMENCED.—Workmen have commenced the foundation for the new machine shop of Samuel Lessig, at Eighth and Elm streets.

NEW SAVINGS BANK.—A savings bank has been opened at Slatington—David D. Jones President, and A. J. Schoeckenberg Cashier.

NEW FRONT.—Mr. Francis Rambo is tearing out the front of his building in Penn street, above Seventh, to be replaced by a splendid open front.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—Mr. E. W. Earl sold on yesterday to James M. Philips of this city, his mansion on South Fifth street. The price paid is said to be eleven thousand dollars.

IN LUCK.—A legal bachelor friend of ours is congratulating himself on the dangers from which he and all such wretches escaped during the Leap Year just closed. Naughty bachelors!

WILL VISIT READING.—The Reliance Steam Fire Company, No. 7, of Philadelphia, will visit Reading about the 15th of June next. We know that they will find things pleasant when they do come.

REAL ESTATE SALE.—The Executors of the estate of Tobias Clouser, deceased, sold a house and lot in the village of Leesport, to David Dewald, for the sum of $600. The other properties were offered but not sold.

THE brick makers of this city have already orders enough—many orders having been refused—to keep them at work from early in spring until late in fall. The demand for brick will be greater next than it was last summer.

SOMEBODY says that the three great evils of life are "noise, poverty, and population." A cure for the first is to go into a dungeon; the second, work and money; the third, a determination to make nobody's sister miserable by marrying her.

THE farmers of Adams county hold monthly meetings, which are generally well attended, and at which everything relating to the productions of the soil are investigated and discussed. Berks county should not be behind in this matter.

FINE PENMANSHIP.—Mr. William G. Von Nieda, of No. 7 South Sixth street, prepared a roll of the members of Friendship Fire Company, No. 4, which is a very pretty specimen of caligraphy. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Von Nieda by the Friendship, on Monday evening.

ANKLE SPRAINED.—Mr. E. Stephens, foreman in the *Banner von Berks* office, accidentally slipped on the sidewalk, corner of Fifth and Washington streets, on Monday evening last, and fell heavily on the pavement. His right ankle was terribly sprained, so much so, that he is still confined to his room.

BERKS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The seventeenth annual meeting of the Berks County Agricultural and Horticultural Society will be held at the Court House, in this city, on Tuesday, the 2d day of February, at 1 o'clock, p. m. Officers will be elected to serve during the year.

CONTINUES.—The religious interest in this city still continues, and the various churches are thronged night after night. Many are impressed with the truth of the Gospel—some have already found the Saviour. Much good is being done. The members of the several churches are warming up and becoming zealous in the good work.

PEOPLE IN TOWN.—There were quite a large number of people from the county in the city yesterday, and at times the streets were quite lively. We had quite a number of calls from our country friends, some of whom paid us money, and many others subscribed for the EAGLE, GAZETTE and ADLER. These calls are very pleasant, and our friends are assured that their visits are always welcome.

IT would seem as though some of our merchants were already preparing for the spring trade, judging from the fact that an immense lot of goods is daily received at the express offices, and the freight depots are crammed full. We also noticed several houses on Penn street, yesterday, unpacking goods. Business at the present time is not very brisk, but in a month, or sooner, things will look up again, and we shall all do our share of business.

POLICE AFFAIRS.—Nothing doing at Police Headquarters this morning. Yesterday was a feast, to-day a famine. The reports from the different "beats" (not "dead" ones) were; "all quiet along the lines." Capt. McNall and his efficient Police force manage to keep good order throughout the entire city, and this is the reason why we have so rarely anything of a serious nature to report.

There were 8 lodgers last night at the Station House.

THE MASQUERADE.—Prof. Frank Stouch has made arrangements with Mr. Howard Boyer, to have cabs in readiness for all who desire to be present at the Masquerade. Gentlemen, by applying to Mr. Boyer, at the entrance of the Keystone Hall this evening, can be accommodated with cabs to convey their ladies to and from the Hall.

Mr. Roth, the Costumer from Philadelphia, arrived in this city this morning. He can be found at the Keystone House, where costumes for ladies and gentlemen can be secured.

THE VENDUES—A GENERAL SELLING OUT.—A glance over the columns of the papers, and a peep at the walls of the bar-rooms, which are extensively ornamented with pictures of horses, cows, bulls, sheep, hogs, &c., would lead one to believe that one-half of the farming community intend to sell out between now and the 1st of April. We have never known so many vendues in our county as are to take place this Spring. Many old veterans at farming have become tired of hard work, and have sold or rented their farms to their sons or others, and intend retiring, many purposing to move to our city. Some of the tenants complain that their landlords have become so grasping and unreasonable, that they can no longer make an honorable living on rented farms, and prefer going at something else. Others again, take advantage of the high prices real estate commands, sell out and conclude they may as well live on their money. Well, we hope all will get good prices for their stock and be satisfied. Farming is a laborious but independent life, and we like to see the farmers doing well.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN HAMBURG.—Mr. Charles A. Seidel purchased the property of Mahlon E. Wold, situate in Main street, for the sum of $7,100.

Mr. Mahlon E. Wold bought the property of Joshua H. Paul, situate in State street, for the sum of $2,600.

Mr. Joshua H. Paul purchased the property of Charles A. Seidel, situate on Main street, for the sum of $2,050.

The property of the late Daniel Kern, dec'd, was sold to Daniel S. Kerb, at the following prices: The store house and lot on Main street, for the sum of $1,700. One lot of ground in White Oak street, for the sum of $500.

AN OLD TABLET.—The Cincinnati *Gazette* has the following item, which will prove of interest to all our readers, and especially those now living who were the immediate descendants of our revolutionary forefathers: In Spencer county, Ky., is the grave of Jacob Yoder, who was on the first flatboat that ever descended the Mississippi. The grave is in the orchard of his old farm, on Brashear's Creek, and the farm is now occupied by his son-in-law. Over the last resting place of the old pioneer is an iron tablet, made in Cincinnati, and erected in 1852. It bears the following inscription:

JACOB YODER
Was born at Reading,
Pennsylvania, Aug. 11, 1758,
and was a soldier in the Revolutionary army in 1777, and 1778. He emigrated to the West in 1780, and in May, 1782, went from Fort Redstone, on the Monongahela river, on the First Flatboat that ever descended the Mississippi, and landed at
New Orleans with a cargo of produce. He died April 7th, 1832,
at his farm in Spencer county, Ky., and lies here
interred beneath
this tablet.

BRIEF MENTIONS.—They are trying to find a young man out West who is heir to $10,000. A number of young ladies in this direction are looking for the same chap.——A funny fact about this weather is that ladies sporting a set of furs think it is bitter cold; while those who do not own them, think it extremely mild.——There is very little frost in the ground for the season; in many places scarce penetrating more than a foot beneath the surface.——Superstitious stupids, of which we have still a few more left in this section, owl-like hoot that this year must be unlucky, because it began and will end on a Friday.——Our spring elections are already beginning to be talked about, and candidates for Constables and Supervisors are trotted out either by themselves or friends.——Sweet song of our Justices of the Peace—Let us speak of a man as we fined him.——A man on Penn street tells us that the only good run of luck he ever had was when his wife ran away from him.——Beware of inquisitive people—a wonderful curiosity to know all is generally accompanied with a seven-year-itch desire to tell it again.——A prominent practising physician has discovered that nightmare in nine cases out of ten is produced by neglecting to pay for newspapers.——Cunning coons having built their nests out in the open air—this is fact—is regarded as an indication of a short winter and an early spring.

[Communicated.]

READING, Jan. 28th, 1869.

EDS. OF EAGLE:—I would like to know why you don't print my article on National Banks. I want to know who put on the nippers? Yours, M.

[The article which our correspondent "M." refers to would have been published yesterday if he had sent it in time. In order to pacify him we insert it to-day. It contains much sound sense, for which the writer is so well and favorably known.—EDS.]

EDS. OF EAGLE:—If the National Banks can't sustain themselves with this immense gift from Uncle Sam, let them wind up, and let us have in their place private banks. After getting this large bonus from the government, they want to get our money without interest, while private banks pay us interest and receive no aid from the government taken out of the pockets of the people. About two years ago I began depositing with private bankers, just about the time over $1,000 was spent at Borbon's for a grand jubilee, and then I also sold my stock, and have since received interest on my deposit which amounts to over $100. This money the National Banks got before. Now I can make it, and can buy a good many things for my house as well as buy mother a frock. I am not going to give my money to other men to drink champagne and smoke Spanish cigars. I could tell the people a thing or two, and show them some figures that would open their eyes and make certain big bugs shake in their boots. I am going to write some more on this question. M.

THE NEW EAGLE PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.—The removal into our new quarters is an appropriate time, we think, to say something of the new Eagle Printing Building. It is so complete and well adapted for the purposes for which it is intended, that a sketch of the building and its different departments will prove interesting to our readers.

Ground was broken for the new building on the 3d day of November last, and in the short space of two months, a brick structure, five stories in height, including the basement, was finished and ready for occupancy. This is owing in a great measure to the zeal and energy displayed by Messrs. Fink & Eisenhower, the Master Builders and Contractors, and also by Messrs. Hoffmaster, Mull, Berger & Co., Master Bricklayers, who did the brick work in eleven days. The building is 40 feet in depth and 20 feet in width, and throughout is constructed in a substantial and thoroughly-workmanlike manner.

The first floor or basement is devoted to the Engine, Press and Packing room. In this department are two of Hoe's Power Presses, one a three-revolution and the other a railway press. In a separate building is the boiler room. The engine was built by Messrs. Wright & Smith, of Newark, N. J., and the boiler, by Messrs. Mellert & Kinsey, of this city. So far both have performed their work admirably. Our readers can form some idea of the amount of work done in the press room, when we state that the aggregate number of impressions on the new three-revolution press alone is 55,000 per week. The packing room is a busy place every afternoon, with its hive of boys, marshaled by Mr. Reuben Hottenstein, the agent of the EAGLE, who are engaged folding and carrying off the papers. The press room is under the charge of Mr. Henry S. Boyer, for many years Foreman and Pressman of the GAZETTE office, one of the best printers living, and one "at home" in any department of a newspaper.

The second floor is devoted to the Editorial room. In this room Messrs. Beck, Conard, Sanderson and Smith are "masters of the situation." Here is where all the editorial, local news and miscellaneous matter is prepared for the ADLER, EAGLE, and GAZETTE. We suppose further comment on this department is unnecessary, at least it would prove rather distasteful to the modest gentlemen who have charge of it.

The third floor is devoted to the Jobbing Department, under the charge of Mr. Charles N. Nicholson. If any of our readers wish fine specimens of printing, from a mammoth poster to the tiniest card, Charley and his efficient assistants are the ones to whom such work can be entrusted. All kinds of Job Work will be done by them with promptness and taste.

The fourth floor is the composition room of the EAGLE, and GAZETTE. This is under the foremanship of Mr. Edward C. Geyer, and his assistant, Mr. Harry P. Slater.

The fifth floor is devoted to the ADLER. The foreman of this department is Mr. Henry Hartman.

The building throughout is heated by steam, and there is water and gas on every floor. The forms of type from the upper stories are hoisted and lowered by means of an elevator, which is worked by steam. The waste water from every floor is also carried off by steam.

The EAGLE Book Store is in the main building, fronting on Penn street. It is very handsomely fitted up. Mr. Ritter, one of the proprietors, has charge, assisted by Messrs. Fichthorn and Ermentrout. The law office of Mr. Hawley is on the second floor, above this.

Such, in brief, is a description of the new EAGLE Printing Building and its different departments.

DIED.

LEVAN.—In the village of Leesport, January 25th, Franklin B. Levan, son of J. B. and Louisa Levan, aged [illegible] years [illegible] months and [illegible] days.

THE MARKETS.

READING, Jan. 28, 1869.

Money Market.

In Philadelphia the money market yesterday worked easy, but rates for loans were singularly steady and firm. The supply of currency, notwithstanding the activity of the stock market and the disposition of Northern capitalists to invest in the purchase of Southern lands, was ample to supply current wants, and borrowers of good standing were readily accommodated at the banks. The latter, and lenders generally, though evidently plethoric of legal-tender and national currency, are strangely indisposed to press loans by a concession in the rates, and this fact is one of the anomalies of the market at this period. It seems to set the rule of "supply and demand" at defiance, and we will content ourselves with barely noting the fact, without attempting to account for it. It is palpable that a large surplus of money is now lying inactive in bank vaults and private hands, for which there is no business or speculative call at present, and probably will not be until the opening of the Spring trade and the usual activity in agricultural districts, and it is difficult to conceive how this surplus can be profitably employed during the interval, unless the money sources hold out the additional incentive of lower figures for accommodation.

The demand for currency was quite limited both for business and speculative purposes, and the rates remain at last quotations. There is very little mercantile paper offering on the streets and there is a tendency to a lower range of figures for prime obligations.

There was a moderate degree of activity at the Stock Board yesterday, without any essential change in prices. In Government Loans there was but a limited movement, but the rates generally were steady. State Loans changed hands at 106 for the third series.

Reading Railroad met an increased demand, at 48 44@48 56—closing at 48½. Pennsylvania Railroad was also inquired after to a considerable extent, and sold at 57½@57¾; 34½ was the best offer for North Pennsylvania Railroad, 34¾ for Mine Hill Railroad, and 33¾ for Catawissa Preferred.

Canal stocks attracted but little attention; Schuylkill was taken at 10¼, and Lehigh Navigation at 31½@31¾ b. o.

Bushong & Bro., Bankers, No. 16, North 6th street quote as follows:

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Old U. S. 6's 1881	112
Old U. S. 5's 1862	113
New U. S. 5-20's, 1864, July and Jan.	109
New U. S. 5-20's 1865, May and Nov.	110
New U. S. 1865, new	108
New U. S. 5-20's 1867, July and Jan.	108½
New U. S. 5-20's, 1868,	108¾
Ten Forty Bonds	107½
Gold in New York up to 12 o'clock,	135⅞
Gold in Reading at Bushong & Bros.,	130

Home Markets.

FLOUR.—Dulness in the flour market still prevails, and there is no sign of an improvement. People buy very sparingly, and in small lots—even bakers buy only one and two barrels at a time, expecting to buy the next lot cheaper. Prices have a downward tendency in the markets of Philadelphia and New York, while prices here are held firm. Millers run slow, in order not to accumulate much stock on hand from wheat now purchased, and also show no disposition of readiness to buy wheat.

WHEAT.—Up to to-day not much wheat has been brought into the city. Farmers seem to hold back anticipating a higher price, while dealers show no desire to buy, so that hardly any wheat changes hands. Some few dealers took lots yesterday from farmers—white wheat at $1.90. Red was taken at $1.75. A small lot of rye at $1.40@1.45. Orders have been sent for Western wheat, which, when delivered in this city, will be at prices somewhat less than our quotations to-day.

OATS.—Oats continue in good demand. Several orders from Philadelphia and Schuylkill county have been shipped yesterday. It was taken from farmers this morning at 60 cents per bushel.

CORN.—We heard of three loads of corn being brought in yesterday morning. It was taken at 90c. ℔ 56 lbs. Corn on cob was taken at 90c. ℔ 70 lbs.

BEEF.—At the housekeepers market yesterday a large lot of beef was offered, at from $12 to 16 ℔ hundred.

PORK.—Pork continues scarce, and is firmly held at $12@14.

LUMBER.—The lumber business of the city continues very brisk. Large lots arriving daily.

Grain and Flour Market.

SELLING PRICES.

White Wheat Flour per bbl.	$12 50
Red " Extra Family per bbl.	11 50
" " "	11 00
Corn Chop (new)	95
Corn (new)	95
Best Middlings,	1 30
Common,	90
Bran,	40
Corn Meal,	1 30

PAYING PRICES.

White Wheat per bushel	1 90
Red " "	1 75
Rye	1 45
Oats	60
Corn (old)	80
Corn (new)	80

Hay and Straw Market.

TEN loads of hay were brought in since Friday last, 4 loads being meadow hay, and was taken at $14 ℔ ton or ℔ 2000 lbs. Timothy was worth $16. Long rye straw came in in large lots, and was worth $15 ℔ 2000 lbs. Tangled, $11, but was mostly exchanged for manure. Nearly all the above hay was for press.

Timothy Hay	$16 00	for 2000 lbs.
Meadow Hay	14 00	" "
Long Rye Straw	15 00	" "
Tangled	11 00	" "

Reading Stock Market.

MR. HILLEGAS received 81 head of fine hogs. 22 head were sold yesterday. They are sold from the Yard at $14@15 ℔ hundred. Hogs are scarce, and prices are firm. Some of the stock will be shipped to Topton this evening.

Housekeepers Market.

BUTTER—Fresh dairy, ℔ lb	40
" Lump,	35
CHEESE—Cheese ℔ lb	20@22
LARD—Lard ℔ lb	23
EGGS—Eggs ℔ dozen,	30
APPLES—Apples ℔ peck,	28@30
" Dried, ℔ quart,	12
PEACHES—	20
MEAT—Beefsteak, round ℔ lb	23
" sirloin,	20
" rump,	20
" Beef roast,	20
" Beef dried,	35
" Veal Cutlets,	23
" chops,	16
" [illegible]	20
" [illegible]	20
" [illegible]	25
" smoked	
HAMS—Hams,	
" Sliced,	
SHOULDERS—	18
SIDES—	16
POULTRY—Chickens live,	15
" Dressed,	
" Turkies live,	
" Dressed,	
" Chickens live ℔ pr	50a100
Potatoes ℔ bushel	

Coal.

READING PRICES.

Egg and Broken Coal,	$6 50 per ton
Stove,	6 75 "
Nut,	5 75 "
Pea,	3 50 "
Bituminous Coal,	20 cts. ℔ bu

Leather Market.

READING PRICES.

LEATHER—Hemlock Sole, ℔ lb	31@33
" Oak,	41@45
" Harness,	46@40
" Calfskin,	120@180
" Upper,	70@75c
" Kips,	70@80

SECOND EDITION.

State of Thermometer.

	7 A. M.	1 P. M.
Monday,	31°	41°
Tuesday,	29°	39°
Wednesday,	29°	47°
Thursday,		

CONGRESS has extended the time for stamping fine cut chewing and smoking tobacco in the hands of dealers, to the 15th of February.

ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE.—Augustus Kluge, a machinist, residing in Ash alley, attempted to commit suicide, this morning, by taking laudanum. He drank the contents of two small bottles. He was taken to the Dispensary, and is in a critical condition.

MR. CHARLES S. ERB has purchased the three-storied brick residence, at No. 513 North Ninth street, from Mr. Amos L. Dick, for the sum of $2,500. This is certainly a very cheap property, considering the high price at which real estate has been, and is still, selling in this city.

OUR old friend Richard Dooley, who when he lived in Reading, was a woman hater, has taken unto himself one of Jersey's fair daughters. We congratulate Richard upon his success, as he deserved a better fate than bachelordom years ago. May his "sands of life" not run out for a century to come.

DR. JACOB SCHEETZ, proprietor of Scheetz's Bitter Cordial, called on us to-day. He is in excellent health and spirits, which is no doubt in part owing to the excellent qualities of his Cordial. Doctor Scheetz says that the demand for his Cordial is increasing daily. For particulars see advertisement in READING ADLER.

Our Shoemakersville Letter.

SHOEMAKERSVILLE, Jan. 27, 1869.

EDITOR EAGLE:—The money which David Michael lost was some days ago found, hanging at the out door knob, tied by a twine. How it came there is a mystery.

An old Irish woman had stolen $250, but she was found out and the money given back.

Mr. Strasser sold his house and lot to Charles Place, for $350. Mr. William Betz bought a house and lot of Samuel Hoffman, Esq., for $1,000. SHARPER.

"SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS."—Several strange looking men, white and colored, are in the city, and it behooves the police to keep an eye on them. They can be found on the outskirts of the city during the day. They are either fugitives from justice or else preparing for some rascality in this city.

The above article, from one of our city papers, has given offence to some gentlemen now in our midst, who justly think it improper to suspect every stranger of evil designs. One of this class sends us the following, which we would respectfully commend to the notice of those who are more suspicious than polite:

EDITOR EAGLE:—Will you please take this little article and comment on it a little, for I think it is an insult to every stranger stopping in the place.

I am a stranger in this place, but I am looking for a place to start a manufactory, and for the last three days I have been found on the outskirts of your beautiful little city.—A STRANGER STOPPING AT THE KEYSTONE HOUSE.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

REPORTED BY LOUIS RICHARDS, ATTORNEY AT LAW, 530 COURT STREET.

EIGHTH AND NINTH DAYS—TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

Susan Becker vs. Elizabeth Maurer. 118 Dec. T. 1868. This was a feigned issue directed by the Register's Court of Berks county to try the question of the validity of the will of Benneville Yerger, late of the city of Reading, which was attacked by the defendant, who was one of his sisters, on the ground that it had been obtained by the exercise of undue influence on the part of the plaintiff. The paper in controversy bore date the 4th day of September, 1867, and was proved on the 17th of February following. By its terms Susan Becker was made the sole legatee, and also the Executrix. It appeared that Yerger was possessed of no estate whatever, at the time, beyond a few personal effects, excepting a policy of insurance upon his own life for $1,500, in the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

For a number of years preceding his death, Yerger had made his home in the house of Mrs. Becker, with whom, according to the allegation of the defence, he lived in illicit relations. While this was denied by the plaintiff the only evidence produced upon this point was submitted by the defence, the effect of which was to establish the fact that though never married they lived together to all external appearances as man and wife, the plaintiff referring to the testator as her man, and assuming towards him every relation of a legal partner. Drs. Shirk and Dr. Dundore, the attending physicians of Yerger, detailed the circumstances of his last illness. He was seized with inflammatory rheumatism in the month of March preceding the execution of the will, upon which dropsy supervened in the latter part of summer. His rheumatic attack was of an acute and severe character, subjecting him at times to the most intense suffering. His joints were sometimes swollen and so extremely painful that he could not bear them touched. From July until September he was in a situation utterly helpless so far as locomotion was concerned, being unable to leave his bed without assistance. This great physical suffering had an effect upon his mind to a certain extent, producing alternate fits of irritability and depression.

It was alleged by the defence that while he was in this condition of bodily helplessness and mental exhaustion, he was pressed and solicited by the plaintiff to make a will in her behalf, and threatened with the Poor House in case of non-compliance, and that the testament was executed under such a state of mental duress as to render it legally invalid. The testimony upon this point was so voluminous as to render anything more than a general reference to its leading features impossible.

The will was written by Judge Heidenreich, who, together with Matthias Stump, signed the paper as a subscribing witness. Both these witnesses testified to its due execution, and that Yerger at the time was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding. The former testified that he was sent for by Mrs. Becker, and went to her house where Yerger was lying, and the will was written in pursuance of his directions, being afterwards retained in Judge Heidenreich's possession until after Yerger's decease. Mrs. Becker was present during the interview at the execution of the will. It was in evidence on the part of the defence that Yerger had repeatedly said to different persons that Mrs. Becker would give him no rest, and to use his own expression, was devilling him to make a will in her behalf, threatening him that he should be sent to the Poor House, unless he did so. While making these statements he would sometimes cry, and appear to be in a condition of great mental disquiet and uneasiness. He stated that he was willing that she should have whatever right for taking care of him, but not everything, as there were others who had a claim upon him, referring to his six brothers and sisters.

It was shown, moreover, that he had attempted to execute another will, several months previous to the one in controversy, in favor of his relatives, but that he had declared that Mrs. Becker would not allow him to do so. Some of the witnesses also testified that the latter boasted after Yerger's death that "she had caught the bird now, and that his relations should not have a feather of it," and used other expressions of similar import.

Upon the other hand evidence was produced for the plaintiff of an entirely contradictory character in relation to Yerger's declarations, representing him as expressing his extreme dislike and aversion towards his relatives—and particularly his sister, Mrs. Maurer, the defendant, and his determination to give all he had to the plaintiff who had nursed him and taken care of him. This evidence as to all these remarks referred to the whole latter portion of the period of his illness, and both before and after the will was executed. The means of knowledge of the witnesses on both sides seem to have been satisfactory enough, as they were all more or less about him during his illness, but the opposite and contradictory character of their statements tended to throw but little light upon the one vital point of controversy in this case, the real facts in regard to which were obscured by testimony of statements and declarations altogether antagonistic and irreconcilable.

The Court instructed the Jury that they were to ascertain in the first place what were the relations in which the parties were living. The law made an intendment against a testament made by a party living in illegal relations with the person in whose favor the will was drawn. Upon this branch of the case the court based their ruling upon the opinion rendered by Lowrie, Justice, in *Dean vs. Negley* 5 Wright, 312, in the course of which it is laid down "that the influence of a lawful relation over testamentary dispositions is not prohibited by law, except when unduly exerted over the very act of devising, but that of an illicit relation is unlawful in so far as it respects testamentary dispositions favorable to the unlawful relation and unfavorable to the lawful heirs." If the jury should find that the relations between these parties was an unlawful one, and that if it had not been for that unlawful relation the will would not have been made as it was, they would be justified in setting the will aside. A number of written points presented by Counsel on both sides were reviewed and answered.

This case came on for trial on Monday afternoon and was not concluded before 5 o'clock on Wednesday night, arguments of counsel consuming over half a day. The Jury, on Thursday morning, returned a verdict in favor of the defendant, Mrs. Becker. As Mrs. Becker was not the defendant it was evident that the jury had made a mistake. Upon being polled the jury all stated that they found in favor of Mrs. Becker, which decision sustains the will. Laucks and Becker for plff. Boyer, D. Ermentrout and J. S. Richards for deft.

TENTH DAY—THURSDAY.

R. Patterson & Co. vs. The Wyomissing Woolen Manufacturing Company et al. On trial.

THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH.

None but those deprived of this blessing know of its loss. The pimpled, blotched and tettered covered person looks upon a clear, smooth skin with jealousy, and inwardly desires the same. Those whose systems are filled with the virus of SCROFULA, and other cutaneous diseases, cannot have good health. When the blood is impure, disease is sure to follow.

All have timely warning in those Pimples, Blotches, Tetters, Sores, Boils, Copper-colored Patches, Scales, &c. Avert the calamity by purifying the system with the

SAMARITAN'S ROOT AND HERB JUICES,
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SAMARITAN'S ROOT AND HERB JUICES,

Before Scrofula takes a firm hold.

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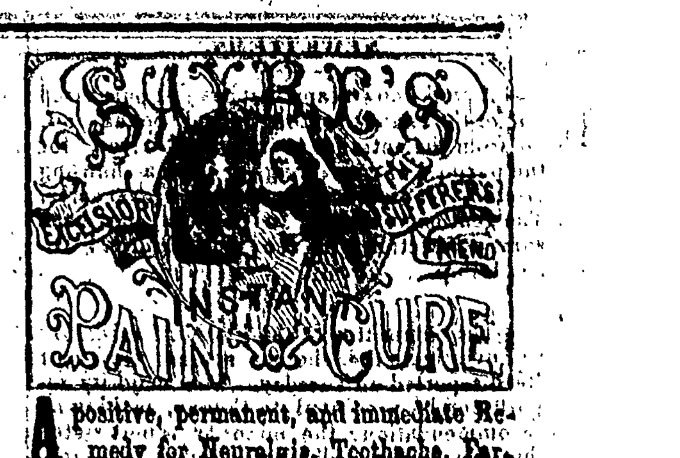

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