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An Item of Interest to Botanists. Story of Peter Wardling's New Eyeballs .- Susquehanna County Currency .. A Few Railroad Echoes. The Latest Queer Invention to Attract Attention .. Summersville People Discover Brown Coal.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Susquehanna, Dec. 14.-While at work near Stevens' Point some bluestone quarrymen a few days since found round, slim stone projecting from the ground. It was in the way of teams hauling heavy loads of stone, and the men attempted to pull it up. One after another tried to dislodge it but without success. Finally the foreman told the men to dig it up, and get it out of the way. They dug down to a considerable depth but did not reach the end of it. Another effort was made to pull it out and it broke The men continued to throw up the earth, but as a result three long ricces were broken off. At lest the foreman concluded to continue digging. After several hours were consumed the end was reached. The men were carprised when they finished their work to find a perfectly-formed serpent's head and neck. They at once decided that they had unearthed a pet-rified serpent. The pieces were placed together and formed a perfect snake, mineteen feet loan. The eyes nestrils nd togeth are distinct and unmistakandy marked as are the dark and lighter brown spots upon the sides. hend is about six inches wide and decreases one-third in thickness from the The neck gradually grows smeller, and then the body increases in size until the middle is reached, where the diameter is six inches. From that point it declines to the tail. One piece is missing, evidently about one foot in length. The petrification of which was supposed to have been the fleshy parts of the monster had a cofor corresponding to the red soil so com-mon in the locality, while that of the vertebrae is several snades lighter and becauser. There appears to be no doubt that it is a genuine fessile. It must have him to the sesition in which it was found for ages. No reptiles of this exture have ever been known to inhabit this region

NEWS MELANGE.

The marriage of Miss Gentle Stark-Weather, of this place, and Mr. Corbin, of Carbondale, will occur on Wednes-

The Susquehanna County Sabbath School association will hold its next annual convention in Susquehanna, in

Edward Williams, formerly of Susquehanna, and now of Scranton, con-ducted a business men's carnival in Deposit on Thursday and Friday even-

Forty Susquehanna singers have musical association, with Prof. J. A. Sonhia as instructor.

A few days since, four Binghamtontans invaded the Starrucca section and shot sixty-five partridges and carried them home. They are liable to a fine of \$10 for each bird killed and carried out of the state, an aggregate of It is carnored that several "hog hunters," who hunt with ferrets, will be prosecuted by a representative of the

State Game association. Home talent is rehearsing the drama, "The Congressman from Texas." It will be produced Dec. 28-29, under the

auspices of Eric Hose company, No. 1.

OF INTEREST TO BOTANISTS. A list of the plants growing wild in the upper Susquebanna and its tribu-tibles, is now being published by W. N. Clute, of Binghamton, of the Herbarium of Columbia university, and James A. Graves, of Susquenanna. Other botanical collectors contribute to the list from their own several locali-ties. The portion of Susquebanna county included will contain the plants of the watershed marshes, takes, ponds and the screams flowing north from them into the Susquehanna, but as most of the plants in the list are found throughout the county and adjoining ones, its usefulness need not be debuyred because of the prescribed limits. This will be the first list of flora of this region that has been published, and, as the work is reasonably complete, it hoped it will be appreclated by those interested in plants.

A COMING MIX-UP.

A large number of Susquebanna sports will go to Carbondale on Saturday afternoon, January 1, to witness fifteen-round mix-up Reddy" Connolly of Philadelphia-Carbendale, and Tim Harley, champion of Susquehanna, and its immediate environment. The esteemed Mr. Connolly is hereby advised to glove himself firmly together. Timothy is an amateur, but he is as deceptive and uncertain as a mine mole

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yesight by the premature discharge of a cannon, fired to celebrate the opening of a new railroad. The eyeballs were completely taken out, the optic nerve being left as a stub in each instance. About sixteen months ago Mr. Warding suddenly saw the light of a lamp placed opposite him on the other side of the room, and the examination showed that new eyeballs were grow-ing on the ends of the optic nerves. Since then his eyesight has gradually Improved, and now he can shoot a rifle with considerable accuracy. He can

residing near Sherman, Pa., lost his

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY CUR-RENCY.

noted oculists.

According to the Montrose Demo crat, a rabbit, with distinct and per-fectly-formed horns, was a few days since killed at Flynn. There is room for temperance work in the district. Rev. John Knox, of Sayre, will prob-

ably become pastor of the Forest City Presbyterian church. It is to be hoped that he will give vice in that borough some hard Knex.

Hallstead will try to secure electric lights and do away with tallow dips. tin horn lant-rns and kerosene street When she secures electric lights, Hallstead will build a fence 700 feet high, to prevent one little relection slopping over into Great Bend. Hallstead and Great Bend love each other, even as a cat loves hot soap.

There is no good reason why the county should not build a free bridge across the river between Hallst ad and Great Bend. If those sister boroughs will bury their animosities, stop their causeless and ceaseless blekerings, pool their issues, and keep everlastngly at work, they will soon consign that relic of barbarism, the toll bridge. to oblivion, and secure from the county a free, up-to-date bridge. Witness

tives constructed in Schenectady, Eric train No. ! a few days since an from Susquehanna to Binghamton, twenty-three miles, in twenty-six and ne-half minutes.

Several apprentices in the Eric shop. whose time expires Jan. I, have re-ceived notice that their services will people the editors could, far more than that he required after that date. of he required after that date. Eric Operator Harry Smith has been ransferred from Tioga Center to Sus-

The Eric continues to have a good, deady freight traffic.

There are more or less rumors each week concerning inpending changes among the Erio officiary. If all the rumors are verified, east-bound trains will run west. This is the month for

railroad guesses and new resolutions. A QUEER INVENTION. A Susquehanna mechanic has just invented an attachment for a fruit can, end he thinks it will make his foris attached, and the can becomes a lantern. If you need a mouse trap, slide in the cover is slipped up, disclosing an opening which forms a per- not care which side goes up up and you have a cockroach trap, and when the fruit season comes around again you can take off the cover and again use the jar for preserves.

NEW STYLE COAL.

A resident of Summersville has discovered a new quality of coal in a edge of rocks on his farm. It is of a brownish color and emits no smoke when burned. Mr. Smith, the discovred, says you can build a fire of this smoke in the room. He will send to Scranton for an experienced miner to gamine the singular find.

At the recent funeral of the late Mrs. ared, where it alighted on the house. The fact that the dove had not been reared in the neighborhood made the incident more noticeable.

THE NEWS RECORD.

At the residence of the brides' parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Starkweathgraph operator in Carbondale.

A few days since a train of 26 cars of live stock ran from Susquehanna to Port Jervis. 104 miles, in three hours and twenty-four minutes. Susquehanna novelist. * * * b- more appreciative-and hotter!

In Thomson, at 5 o'clock on Wednesday next. Der. 22, will occur the mar-that it is not as other men are-that it is not as other men are-worst sienets are the quartious and

he Lanesboro graded schools. Since election Brer Hogan, of Forest City, maintains a silence so dense at you can hear it. What means this masterly inactivity with pen and when he is whipped.

MARTIAL LAW IN SANTIAGO.

Cuban City Besieged by the Insurgents.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.-Information brought to this port yesterday by the steamer Annerly from Daiquiri, Cuba, orroborates the report that a veritable reign of terror pevails in Santiago de Cuba. Recently the Insurgents made a dash into the city and carried away dynamite and explosives from the ore mines of the Juragua Iron company, and followed it up by making a desperate assault upon a squad Spanish soldiers that had attacked

Martial law of the strictest kind prevalls in Santiago, and no communieation of any kind is allowed with the other sections of Cuba unless it be that which passes through the military censorship.

of criticism and of influence. The two areat factors in our political life are the party organization and the press. The oress is the educating force; the organi-cation is the instrumentality of practical operation. The former moulds opinion the latter is the agency for making it effective in government. The tendency of see to read fine print. The singular case is attracting the attention of the party organization is to develop into a machine under the control of a boss. With the absorption of the mass of the cople in their own affairs, with their dis-osition to leave public affairs in the ands of the few, and with the cohesive power of patronage political control nat-urally gravitates to those who make it a disiness. Parties are the necessity and he life of free government. Domination within party is the natural outgrowth of within party is the matural outgrowth of general apathy and special application, of personal aptitude and superior opportunity. The one available check upon this inevitable tendency is the press, if it does not educate and arouse the people there is no effective pratection. As De Tocqueville said more than saxty years ago, "Nothing but a newspaper can drop the same thought into the proposed. the same thought into ten thousand minds at the same moment." The vigilance, in-

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and political fabric. PARTY STANDARDS.

Do the newspapers fairly fulfill this mission? The personal and machine domination which spreads its arms in every other direction like an octopus maturally seeks to strengthen itself by subsidizing or silencing them. In the old days of limited range and resources to largely succeeded, Doos It new? On it largely succeeded. Does it now? On the contrary the remarkable expansion and financial success of journalism as a business enterprise have brought a visi-ble emancipation and elevation. The press has become far more than ever a ty a free, up-to-date bridge. Witness what Susquehanna did!

Picturesque little Brandt has measles.
Levi Moss Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of New Milford, has gone glimmering mongthe things that were. There ought to be enough veterans in and about New Milford to maintain a strong organization.

The funeral of Dr. Edwin Stone Butterfield occurred in Montrose on Thursday with interment in South Montrose.

RAILROAD ECHOES.
The Erie is having several locomostives constructed in Schenectady.
Erie train No. I a few days since papers do not yet appreciate the full power and dignity of their position. Un-der our system where journalism should at once lead and follow the worthiest public impulses, the people will edit the editors; but it is no loss true that, arm-

This inherent power derived from popular support has emancipated journalism from the thralldom of personal servility and given it character and influence, in legrily and independence. We used to hear a great deal about independent journalism as distinguished from party journalism. The advance of the press, both on its professional and on its business side, has done much to obliterate that distinction. Independent journalthat distinction. ism becomes party journalism through the practical necessity of establishing its principles by practical methods. Party journalism becomes independent journalism in its liberation from dependence on individual or machine favor. Can-uing described an independent mantune. When you are using the can for fruit, in the spring, you serew on this parent top, which supports a can-dle on the inside of the can, a handle George William Curtis, himself an independent, long ago said, to good nature indifference, or that, like the mock doctor of Moliere, puts the organ of the bile in the place of the heart, and that does feet tran when the can is laid on its side goes down, is passing away. And its side, When you have caught all on the other hand, party journalism in the mice in the house you lay the jar its highest estate and in its true and in another position, a slide is slipped worthlier independence, is teaching the up and you have a cockroach tran and lesson that it cannot be depended on to uphold and defend party wrongs and

CYNICISM. And yet, in spite of the great advance and with a full conviction of all that has been said, it is still true that the radical foult of American journalism is partyism, but extremeness fairness in partyism. Free governmen is necessarily government of party, and in the nature of the case political jour-nalism must largely be party journalism. coal in the center of your parlor floor and be unable to find a particle of iton to the principles and policy of a particular party and with full faith that its dominance best conduces to the pub-lic welfare. This partylsm is practical A PECULIAR INCIDENT.

An interesting feature of the ritualistic ceremonies of the degree of Pocahontas, of the Independent Order of Leed Men. at the grave, is an ancient radian custom—the releasing of a dove, signifying the releasing of the spirit.

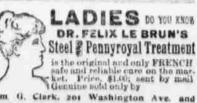
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At the recent functional of the least of the releasing of the spirit. ance of Greeley that wouldn't print speech of Horatio Seymour, has pass Tailmadge, a highly esteemed resident of Hallstead, the beautiful bird, after the united partisanship which discolors eircling about the grave and the cem-etery, flew to the late home of the de-intemperate spirit which presents distorted views and conveys unjust impressions. The press will be a still more powerful factor in our political life when it learns to secure full and enduring public confidence in its sobrioty, its reason, its earnestness and its justice.

Instead of being subservient to influence the confidence of th ence or power the fault of our journalist is too strong a tendency towards reckles er, on Wednesday, Miss Gertrude grarkweather will be wedded to Mr. Corbin, a popular Western Union telecoarged with public trust. There is synical tone towards public life and captions disposition to impute unworth motives and selfish purposes without any just understanding er any cardid spirit. Whitney, There is too little toleration of difference and too great readiness to meet dissen Towarda Republican. That's what a with contemptuces ridicule or vindictive adulterated facts. The next world may be more appreciationally assertionally may be more appreciative and the second may be mo and consorious pharisecism which dis-plays its phylacteries and thanks the Lord feesor Homer N. Parrett, principal of percilious high priests of cont who habitually scoff at faith in public virtue, and constantly represent our public life as seamed with pollution and scarred with falsehood. In our minor legislative bodies and municipal councils there is undoubtsneech? The fellow who thinks that our able and aggressive Forest City in our higher public life there is an honfriend is eliminated as a factor, reck-orable standard and a worthy and pa-ors without his host. Like another triolic aspiration which rebukes this conwarrior hold, Brer Hogan never knows stant and carping detraction. As a jourstant and carping detraction. As a jour-nalist devoted to a profession which ought to be the just interpreter of life and ought to strengthen popular faith in republican institutions, I protest against this perversion of the press which mis-represents and defames the tone and spirit of our public services, impeaches the integrity and intelligence of the course ategrity and intelligence of the people themselves, and maligns the character and product of our governmental sys-

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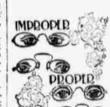
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