

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

DISCUSSED BY WHITNEY

A GROCER EXPERIMENTS ON POWER OF HUMAN EYE.

Lost Time Regained—New Fast Train on the Erie—An Editor's Marriage Announcement—Proposed Pan-American Railroad Rate—Saloon Keeper Learns How to Sell More Beer—Carbondale's Dream of a New County—Other Pithy Paragraphs.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Susquehanna, Dec. 16.—A Susquehanna grocer until recently had a very decided opinion of the power of the human eye. He has always claimed that a man could, by gazing steadily into the eyes of the forest animal, make the beast as docile and harmless as a wax doll. The grocer has in his store a very large cat named Thomas that is not so frowless as a kitten by any means.

The grocer with the theory proposed to test it on the cat. A number of customers were present at the test. The grocer approached Thomas, who sat blinking near the cheese box, and peered steadily at the cat's large, lustrous eyes. Thomas was evidently greatly affected by the human eye so close to his, for he stood on his tail, and suddenly reaching out one leg, planted his claws in the flesh of the grocer's face with a wild, impetuous plan. This he did twice in rapid succession, and was about to get in his work for a third time when, with an exclamation that sounded very much like an imprecation, the grocer struck the infuriated Thomas with his fist, and knocked him off the counter and into the mackerel barrel. The mackerel, the human eye is a lost art with the grocer, who carries his face in a sling.

LOST TIME REGAINED. Rupert Wells, of Dundaff, this county, lost his watch while hunting in the fall of 1898. A short time ago his brother found it in a field, and it immediately started running when picked up. The cases were somewhat discolored, but aside from this it did not appear to be injured in the least.

LITTLE LOCALETTES. The work of brick laying on the new church edifice, being erected by the Oakland Congregationalists, is in progress. The church will probably cost \$7,000.

The board of trade has appointed a committee to confer with the Erie officials concerning the severing of Main street. The Erie shopmen will be paid on Saturday, December 22, for services in the month of November.

Robert A. Greeley, for several years an esteemed resident of Susquehanna, died at Prompton, Wayne county, on Saturday last. He was a veteran of the civil war.

E. R. W. Marble, esq., of this place, has been elected W. M. of Great Bend Lodge, F. and A. M. The Erie will soon put on a new fast train between New York and Chicago. The road is doing an excellent business.

SOME HOLIDAY THOUGHTS. Now for new resolutions wreathed in this year's storms. "It is more blessed to give than to receive," at Christmas time, but perhaps it's less pleasant.

From now until Christmas nobody but a mighty mean man will go into his own home unannounced. "Never look a gift horse in the mouth," and never look for the price mark upon a Christmas gift for it is usually rubbed off.

There is a good deal of real satisfaction in sending a Christmas gift to a friend—the prospect is that you will get something in return. HIS MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT. A vicinity editor was married a few days since. Editorially he says: "The editor was married yesterday to Miss Mary Skillet, one of the most charming ladies we have ever met. Those owing us for subscriptions or job work will greatly facilitate the purchase of rag carpets, suit, seal, lace, earrings, etc., by settling at once."

THE NEWS RECORDED. With two brass bands, Susquehanna ought to get through a hard winter. "The Chapot Chamois company, of Great Bend, Pennsylvania," will apply for a charter of incorporation.

Referring to a new undertaking firm, the County Herald states that one member of the firm is a Protestant and the other a Catholic. The living may have their preferences, but the person in the coffin is little interested in the religion or politics of the undertaker.

During the Pan-American exposition it is thought that the railroads will make a rate of a cent a mile. The Erie has placed another order with the Brooks Locomotive works, of Dunkirk, N. Y., for forty extra heavy freight locomotives.

HIS APOLOGY IS ACCEPTED. Whitney was evidently got the editor of the County Herald mixed up with some other member of some other profession. His claim that the editor was held up by two footpads is without foundation, in fact, simply a vaporizing of Whitney's light imagination. Footpads know better than to tackle an editor for money.—County Herald.

SOME RANDOM SUGGESTIONS. The New York Supreme court has decided that electricity will kill. Now if some enterprising legal tribunal will inform us that a crab apple tree isn't a mountain goat, the earth may be permitted to continue its journey around the sun.

A bald Susquehanna man used onion poultices on his head for neuralgia, and was surprised a month later to find his baldness disappearing under a healthy growth of red hair. A vicinity saloonkeeper paid a dollar for an envelope containing directions that would enable him to sell more beer. He found these words on a card: "Sell less froth."

When you hear a man say that his town can never amount to anything, just set it down that he is one of those individuals that stands in the way of its progress.

Uncle Tom's Cabin is again editing this story. This is a case of those cut-throats not foretold by Coles, the weather sharp.

IN A LINE OR TWO.

There are forty candidates for the pastorate of the Susquehanna Presbyterian church, and thirty-nine will soon be into the bouillon, as it were. A Baptist church edifice is being erected at Brushville, a suburb of Susquehanna. Keystone Hook and Ladder company has purchased a chemical fire engine, but, up to date, the community has furnished no building in which to house it. The people along the Jefferson branch are building and "making up" creameries and canning factories. Occasionally there is something new under the sun. A Cascade man is said to have eloped with his daughter-in-law. Since Carbondale commenced dreaming of a new county a number of lawyers over there have been inquiring into the cost of judicial robes. There is a fear that the new bench will be somewhat crowded. Whitney.

PITTSBURGH.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Pittsburg, Dec. 16.—William Moffatt, a married man, met with an accident in No. 7 shaft of the Pennsylvania Coal company, Saturday morning. His right leg became entangled in a tail rope attached to a trip of cars, and before he could extricate his limb was torn from the socket and so badly mangled as to necessitate amputation just above the knee at the Pittsburg hospital. Moffatt had only a few weeks ago returned to work after several months' idleness, having to receive injuries received by being thrown from a box car on the Lehigh Valley railroad.

One of the Black Diamond pony express wagons was struck by an electric car on Wyoming avenue, Saturday evening. The wagon was damaged and one of the mules attached thereto badly injured. Lyman Howe's moving picture entertainment will be given here in Music hall on a date between January 15 and 20, under the auspices of the First Congregational church.

The blacksmiths of this vicinity organized a branch of the National Master Blacksmiths' association in the Eagle hotel, Saturday night, by electing the following officers: President, P. L. Loeb; vice-president, W. H. Warren; financial secretary, Oscar Honeck; financial secretary, John P. Kearney; corresponding secretary, Henry Kusche; treasurer, Martin Henderlee.

Moses Baum, the well-known merchant, has returned after a trip to Chicago, where he attended the funeral of his fiancée's father. A joint convention of the select and common councils will be held Monday evening to elect a city controller to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Seymour Drury. John Kennedy, recently named as candidate for the office on the Democratic ticket, will without doubt be the chosen one.

Company C, Ninth regiment, is arranging for a production of the famous military drama, "The Drummer Boy of Shiloh," in the month of April, 1901. It will be given by local talent. A house on Exeter street, West Pittsburg, owned by Charles Schumacher and occupied by Martin Allen and family, was slightly damaged by fire, Saturday afternoon. During the progress of the fire, John VanLaven, a member of the West Pittsburg Hose company, fell from the building and had a wrist dislocated.

The first and second teams of the Pittsburg Young Men's Christian association and the Wyoming academy came together in two well-played basketball games at Armory hall, Friday night. Both games were victories for the home teams, the first team game by a score of 22-4, and the second team game by a score of 17-10. The Young Men's Christian association is arranging for games with Bloomsburg Normal school, Dickinson college, Williamsport Young Men's Christian association, Bucknell university and State college. They will play a return game with Wyoming seminary at Kingston on the 14th of January.

Prof. Henry Harris, of Delaware avenue, has been engaged as tenor singer with the choir of the West Pittsburg Presbyterian church. Talley Evans severed his connection as city editor of the Pittsburg Gazette on Saturday evening. He is succeeded by Chauncey Derby, of Scranton.

TUNKHANNOCK.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Tunkhannock, Dec. 15.—On Monday next the court of common pleas of Wyoming county sits to determine the election contest between certain citizens of the county and Arthur H. Spuler, concerning the office of representative in the general assembly. It is likely that nothing of importance will be done at that time except obtaining the necessary orders from the court in regard to the ballot boxes, subpoenas, etc., but in all probability a large delegation of politicians will be on hand that day to see that everything goes as it should. The court will probably adjourn for a week after making the orders for the furthering of the business.

Asa H. Frear, justice of the peace and ex-commissioner of Overfield, was in town on Saturday. The Wyoming County Teachers' Institute will be held at the court house here during the first week in January. County Superintendent F. H. Jarvis has prepared an unusually pleasing course of entertainments in connection with the institute this year. On Monday evening the John T. Watkins Concert company, consisting of male quartette, violinist, soprano soloist and elocutionist, will give a concert. Tuesday evening the celebrated humorist, Eli Perkins, will lecture on "The Philosophy of Wit." On Wednesday evening a lecture and demonstration of the properties of liquid air will be given by Prof. Eugene Foster, of the Wesleyan college, Philadelphia. The last lecture of the course on Thursday evening will be by Bishop Charles H. Fowler, of the Methodist church. Subject, Abraham Lincoln. This is usually the only opportunity offered to the people here to hear a good lecture course and the entertainers will probably be greeted with full houses.

Down before Asa S. Keeler, esq., as commissioner, this afternoon were taken the depositions in the divorce case of Belle Myers against Henry R. Myers, which comes down from Nicholson. A number of witnesses were in attendance from Nicholson and Factoryville. C. B. Little, of Scranton, was in town over Sunday.

HALLSTEAD.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Hallstead, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Addie Rogers was visiting friends in Binghamton Thursday. Vicinity thermometers registered below zero Thursday night. The river was frozen over in some places. A successful oyster supper was held Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Bill Stalker. Charles Roney, while at work in the road, was not with an accident which injured his knee quite badly. He is now confined to his home. Mr. Bob Morton is now acting in Mr. Roney's place. It is said by contractors that there is to be considerable building done in Hallstead next spring.

The American Chair company predict that during the next year their output will reach the one hundred thousand dollar mark. Mrs. Maude Crook has returned home after a visit with New York friends. An audit is to be held next Thursday to adjust accounts between Great Bend township and Hallstead borough on account of the annexation of lands to the borough. Next Thursday and Friday the Y. M. C. A. minstrel will appear at the Association hall.

Mrs. Arthur Coddington was shopping in Binghamton Thursday. The Sunday schools are busily engaged in rehearsing for the Christmas celebrations. There is some talk of erecting a new school house for the high school in Great Bend. The one now occupied has served its time and is now hard to heat in severe weather. A F. Merrill recently purchased the house on DuBois street now occupied by Michael Russell.

JERMYN AND MAYFIELD.

Mrs. Maria Pritchard, the well-known daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Pritchard, of West Mayfield, and Fred Bjork were married on Saturday evening. The ceremony took place at 8 o'clock in the Primitive Methodist church, the pastor, Rev. Thomas Cook, officiating. The happy young couple were unattended. The bride wore a very pretty blue hermita costume, which was very becoming. After the ceremony a sumptuous supper was served at the home of the bride's parents, and the remainder of the evening enjoyed passed, the newly married couple receiving many hearty congratulations. There will be a public meeting at the office of H. D. Carey, esq., at 8:30 o'clock this evening for the purpose of considering a proposition from a silk mill firm who are desirous of locating here. Every citizen interested in the matter should endeavor to be present and the attendance of the business men of the two boroughs is especially desired. Fred, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Waggoner, of Third street, was painfully scalded about the head and arm on Friday evening by the upsetting of a teapot of hot tea. Rev. Maynard B. Thompson, of the First Baptist church, is in New Jersey. There will be a meeting of all inter-

Holiday News of the Jonas Long's Sons' Store.

What to Give Pocketbooks

99c. That's the price you'll pay us today for a splendid assortment of pocketbooks, more kinds than have ever gathered together at the price. For both ladies and gentlemen. Made in all kinds of leather with plain and fancy corners. Different sizes. Some men's bill books are in the lot. Other pocketbooks up to Five Dollars.

What to Give Perfumery

25c. Bradley's choicest odors. You've heard of them; they're about as well known as any we know of. That's why you hear us say so much about them. Good sized bottles are these quarter ones, put up in little fancy boxes—just the thing to remember some friend with. Other perfumes—Rogers and Gallet, Pinard's and Lubin's—the best in the world.

What to Give Good Books

25c. Books worth up to One Dollar. Made a big table to them Monday right alongside the regular twenty-five cent ones, same as others sell for 39c. Some of them are handsomely bound and have sold here up to 50c and 60c. Want to clean 'em up quick. Children's story books on the basement balcony—great values from 3c up to one dollar.

What to Give Stationery

50c. Holiday boxes, we call them. Each one contains upwards of a pound of paper and envelopes, different shades and superior quality. Boxes are large and elaborately designed. Can't buy any more at the price when these are gone. Other fancy boxes up to \$2. These latter are worth looking at anyway, so are those in cabinet form which we're selling at 75c.

What to Give Furniture

Chairs at \$4. We speak particularly of them because they'll attract your eye the minute you strike the furniture floor. Of exquisite pattern and design, with seats, backs and headpieces upholstered in finest velours. That's not all in furniture. Think of book cases, writing desks, fancy tables, sideboards and a hundred other things that make fine gifts—you'll find them here.

What to Give Jewelry

You can always make someone happy with Jewelry, no matter how much they may have. China Bracelets in gold and silver from 99c up to \$3.98. Nethersole bracelets 69c to 98c, with the miniature Nethersole's at 25c. Rings and Necklaces, Watch Chains and Cuff Links, Pins, Combs—everything. What's the matter with Clocks? In both bronze and china. Cheap, too. \$1.75 to \$3.08. Lorgnettes 49c to \$2.50.

What to Give Brooches

25c. Don't seem possible, perhaps, but it's true. We bought a lot of these Brooches, or Breast Pins, from a man who makes good jewelry. Gets his designs from some of the richest and most expensive kinds. These are heavily plated and come in great variety; most of them have very pretty settings of opals, garnets, pearls and other stones. We'll be busy selling them today.

What to Give Suspenders

For father, brother or "gentleman friend." 50c is the price. These are of the finest silk web in every coloring that is rich and pretty; finished with white leather tips and fancy oxidized and gilt buckles; some with white buckles. Each pair packed in a pretty box. Don't believe you'll find them anywhere else for half a dollar. Lots and lots of Neckwear, too.

What to Give Kid Gloves

One dollar the pair. Pay that price to us and you'll be satisfied. So will the friend to whom you give a pair for Christmas. We guarantee these Dollar Gloves—that makes them thoroughly good. All sizes, of course, and all shades that we know of as well as black and white. Two-class, made from best kid skins and perfectly finished, assuring perfect fit.

What to Give Umbrellas

\$3.75 for some five dollar ones. Buy a good one, that's right. These are all pure silk, made over genuine paragon frames with steel rods. Handles are of natural wood and ivory with gold and silver trimmings. We think you'll agree with us that you've never seen their equal under five dollars. That's why we call them five dollar umbrellas. Others up to \$12, if you care to pay so much.

What to Give Slippers

98c. We've cheaper kinds and better kinds, but these at ninety-eight cents should strike our fancy as being the best Slipper value in the country for the money. Mostly of fine vici kid, strictly hand-turned, which adds volumes to their comfort. All kinds of Crochet Slippers and everything in footwear. We make a specialty of "fitting" the feet.

What to Give Handkerchiefs

25c. Pay us that price and you'll get the best handkerchief value ever offered by any store. How do we do it? Simply because we buy them early in the year when best choosing is possible. Fine Swiss and linen—every thread pure linen. Some with embroidered and lace edges and fancy inset corners. Others lace trimmed. Men's finest silk initial kerchiefs at 50c.

What to Give Floor Rugs

\$2.25. The rug man says there's worth a dollar more. They're made from finest Axminster in patterns that will appeal to you because of their richness and beauty. 27 inches long. Lots of other rugs, of course. Most of them are exclusive in pattern and design—not likely to be any duplicates for a good many miles around. In price up to thirty-five dollars.

What to Give Pictures

They never got them up so handsomely and attractively as they did this year—and to add to their desirability, the prices are particularly little. Fifty cents, for instance, pays for some rich copies of French paintings that may be seen in the Louvre; size 12x16, mounted on heavy mats, encased in rich gold frames with fancy corners. We do framing. Don't forget that if you've anything of the kind to be done.

What to Give Toys, Etc.

Rocking horses, 45c. That's all you'll pay today for the Shoo Fly kind; two horses with seat; all strongly made and worth a half more. 39c for dolls. These are kid body, full jointed, with moving or set eyes; extra large size; worth double. Doll's furniture—a lot of it, especially beds in brass, folding with tick and pillows; white enamel and gilt finish. They're 59c.

THEATRICAL.

ATTRACTIONS THIS WEEK.

Lyceum. WEDNESDAY—Chauncey Olcott in "Mavourneen." Academy of Music. LAST THREE DAYS—"Siberia." The Gaiety. FIRST THREE DAYS—Rose Hill English Folly Company. LAST THREE DAYS—Victoria Burlesques.

"In Old Kentucky." Large audiences saw "In Old Kentucky" at the Lyceum Saturday afternoon and evening. The play has been frequently seen here, but never seems to lose its interest for theatergoers. It was presented by a good company and staging and accessories were first class.

Olcott Wednesday Night. The next attraction at the Lyceum will be the clever comedian and singer, Chauncey Olcott, who will present his romantic Irish drama, "Mavourneen." The play is a swinging picture of life on the "old sod" over a century ago. Although the play is in humor and "liberated" wit, it is not a satire or burlesque, but a true picture from real life.

The present attraction is depicted in it still goes his happy way among his native mountains and the prototype of Chauncey Olcott's Irish lad can be found everywhere in the land of the shanachie. Olcott will be at the Lyceum Wednesday night.

"Siberia" at the Academy.

A superb scenic review of "Siberia," Bartley Campbell's ever popular story of love and life in the domain of the czar, will be the attraction at the Academy of Music Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, with special matinees Friday and Saturday.

The trials, suffering and exploits of the Nihilists of Russia have afforded a subject for the artist, a scene for the illustrator, a lecture for the traveler and, not the least, the material for an ideal melodrama for the playwright. Many plays illustrative of the life and social conditions of the inhabitants of Russia have been written, but none have secured the mark success of "Siberia," which for two decades has stood the test of popular favor.

"Siberia" has been revived this season, after a brief absence from the stage, by W. J. Fielding, who promises both in scenic magnificence and in company strength one of the best productions the play has ever received.

Rose Hill Company. At the Gaiety the attraction for the first three days this week is Rose & Barton's Rose Hill English Folly company, an organization of clever comedians and handsome girls, which has for years ranked among the strongest and best burlesque companies before the public.

The company is up to date, and its entertainments will be a revelation when compared with the cheap, slapstick, house-pipe performances given by the average burlesque organizations. The ensemble will be first introduced in a laughable burlesque entitled "All at Sea" and later in a concert entitled "Stolen Pleasures."

The olio includes such well known performers as Phil McFarland, James F. Lee, Joseph J. Sullivan and Carrie Webster, Collins and Collins, Catherine Rose Palmer, Alie Willard and Henrietta Wheeler and others.

How's This? We offer the Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. E. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him. West & Traux, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.; Welling, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials and references on file. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

THE MARKETS.

SATURDAY'S STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Table with columns: Stock Name, Bid, Ask, Last Sale. Includes items like Sugar, Flour, and various stocks.

NEW YORK PRODUCE EXCHANGE PRICES.

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Includes Wheat, Corn, and other grains.

Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Quotations—All Quotations Based on Par of 100.

Table with columns: Institution, Bid, Ask. Lists various banks and financial institutions.

Scranton Wholesale Market.

(Careered by H. G. Dale, 27 Lackawanna Ave.) Butter—Creamery, 24c; nearby state, 23c. Cheese—Full cream, 15c; part skim, 14c. Beans—Per lb., choice, 12c; narrow, 11c. Onions—Per lb., 10c. Flour—Best patent, \$1.00.

Philadelphia Cattle Market.

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—Live stock—Receipts for the week: Cattle, 2,031; sheep, 7,812; hogs, 5,000. Little—Good quality, lower, 12c; best, 13c. Common stock, steady. Fat calves, 10c. Fat hogs, 10c. Fat sheep, 10c. Choice, 12c. Heavy, 10c. Medium, 11c. Light, 9c. Fat calves, 10c. Fat hogs, 10c. Fat sheep, 10c. Choice, 12c. Heavy, 10c. Medium, 11c. Light, 9c.