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CROWS SWARM GULF SUMMIT

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Hunters Unable to Kill the Birds. Chief Justice McCollum Improved in Health—Man's Right to a Home. Live News Told in Paragraphs. Railroad Rumors.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.
Susquehanna, Dec. 21.—For weeks past crows, to the number estimated at 1,000, have swarmed in a mountain above Gulf Summit, feeding in the barnyards along the river in the daytime and collecting at night in the trees on the top of the mountain. About dusk these birds gather in from the surrounding country in myriads, and the noise they make by their shrill "caw! caw!" is almost deafening. Frequently they alight in such vast numbers on the trees that large limbs are broken under their weight. On Saturday a black cloud of these birds was crossing the Erie tracks when the smoke of a passing engine blinded them. They flew against the sides of the swiftly moving cars, and parties who watched the strange scene, counted nearly 200 that had met death. A party of Deposit hunters armed themselves with shotguns, a few days ago, with the avowed intention of ridding the roost of the shiny, black horde. Six of them shot and killed 175 crows in less than two hours, but at the end of that time the diminution of the birds was not noticeable, and the hunters left the mountain in disgust. During the recent blizzard the birds, maddened by hunger, attacked cattle and sheep in the barnyards and were driven away with difficulty. The horse of a Honesdale peddler was recently attacked on the highway, near State Line, by a large number of the birds. The peddler saved his steed by furious driving, and by throwing a bundle of sheepskins off his sleigh to appease the hunger of the black horde.

Matters in Brief.
William G. Seamans has filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy.
The funeral of the late William Prentice, one of the oldest residents of Susquehanna, took place on Thursday

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.
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afternoon, Rev. J. L. Williams, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating.

Chief Justice J. Bruce McCollum, of the state supreme court, is spending the holidays at his home at Montrose. He is much improved in health, and in January will resume his duties upon the bench.

Michael Shanahan, a prominent Susquehanna business man, is in very poor health.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Ethelbert Talbot, D. D., bishop of Central Pennsylvania, officiated and confirmed a class in Grace Episcopal church, Oakland, on Thursday afternoon.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Ira Crawford, an aged resident of Stevens Point, will take place from the Stevens Point Methodist church on Friday afternoon, the pastor, Rev. David L. Meeker, officiating. Interment will be made in the Lanesboro cemetery.

Man's Right to a Home.
The Hon. Galusha A. Grow, of this county, made his first speech in congress more than fifty years ago on "Land for the Landless; or, Man's Right to the Soil." The speech was made in advocacy of a homestead bill introduced by himself to secure "free homes for free men." The homestead bill was of incalculable benefit to the west. It sent over 6,000,000 farmers from the older states and Europe to build up new commonwealths. It put millions of acres out of the hands of the speculators. It gave us a new land system which, with amendments that have been adopted from time to time, has given us an ever increasing army of home-makers, upon whom rest "the pillars of the republic." Mr. Grow has lived to see the realization of his dream of "free homesteads for free men." Will any of his associates in congress live to see the full realization of his dream as to "the comfort of the home and the happiness of the fireside of labor?"

Just Between Us.
A fleeting show—The theatrical company which jumps its board bill.
The trouble with men who "go to the devil," is that they continue to stay with us.

Next to a good mother, the best friend any man has is a dollar note.

After a man finishes putting up a stove pipe and thawing out the water pipes, the family parrot has to be put out of the room when the minister calls.

Few of us ever discover blots among those who agree with us in our religious convictions.

An exchange consumes a quarter of a column of space in teaching its readers how to keep warm. This is more brief—Go into politics.
Mummies guaranteed to be 5,000 years old may now be purchased in Europe for \$5 apiece. Cheap enough. But the merchant mummy who doesn't advertise gives himself away for nothing.

In Hogan opera house, January 26, a "spectacular Carnival," will be held, under the auspices of the Dorcas society of the Presbyterian church, and under the direction of Prof. Benson, of Binghamton.

In the Oakland Methodist church on Sunday evening, Hon. W. J. Welsh, of Binghamton, delivered an address and organized a chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Paul.

The City National Bank of Susquehanna will elect officers January 13. There are no new developments at the Steam Hollow oil well. It is expected that Rev. M. J. Watkins, pastor of the Hallstead Baptist church, who has been ill at Scranton for several weeks, will resume his pastorate on Sunday next.

Various Vagaries.

She could swing a six-pound dumbbell, She could fence and she could box; She could row upon the river, She could clamber upon the rocks; She could do some heavy bowling, And play tennis all day long; But she couldn't help her mother, 'Cause she "wasn't very strong." It's a nice old saw that knows who filled it last.

Most men are "shortest" during the holidays.

We always know what is best—for our neighbors.

I hear the bells on Christmas day, Their old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet

The words repeat

Of peace on earth, good-will to men! About time to "set" those New Year resolutions.

With coal at \$10 a ton and oil at thirteen cents a gallon, it will be in order for a motion to change "Trustees of Providence."

Postscripts, as 'Twere.

A number of Erie firemen have been promoted to engineers.

The Thompson creamery has been leased to the Campbell Milk company, of New York city.

Hallstead is enjoying a boom. It deserves it.

The improvements to the County court house are approaching completion.

Richard Brush, of Susquehanna, will become sheriff of Susquehanna county, January 1. He will be the first Democratic sheriff in about twenty years.

The Erie is doing an immense freight and coal business. Good Republican times.

Whitney.

Good News.

It will be good news to the mothers of small children to learn that croup can be prevented. The first sign of croup is hoarseness. A day or two before the attack the child becomes hoarse. This is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the rough cough appears, and it will dispel all symptoms of croup. In this way all danger and anxiety may be avoided. This remedy is used by many thousands of mothers and has never been known to fail. It is, in fact, the only remedy that can always be depended upon and that is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all druggists.

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