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JOHN M. KIMMEL, will continue to practice law, and tenders his professional services to the citizens of Somerset, and surrounding townships. Office in the old place, a few doors east of the Mansion House. may 8, '71.

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THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JOHNSTOWN

SAVINGS BANK.

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 1, 1873.

RESOURCES.

Loans on Real Estate	$136,789 15
Johnstown Borough Bonds	6,620 00
Conemaugh Borough Bonds	4,058 00
Loans on Collateral	5,000 00
Safe	499 00
Cash on hand	$ 8,080 08
Cash in National Banks	14,894 80
United States 6 p. ct. Bonds	11,500 00
Pittsburg City 7 p. ct. Bonds	25,000 00
	$ 59,454 88
	$212,923 03

LIABILITIES.

Amount due Depositors	$202,229 38
December Dividend due	4,971 89
Contingent	5,721 76
	$212,923 03

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY OF CAMBRIA, } ss.

I, Frank Dibert, Treasurer of the Johnstown Savings Bank, do solemnly affirm the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANK DIBERT, Treasurer.

Sworn and Subscribed before me. A. MONTGOMERY, Notary Public.

The undersigned, Auditing Committee, respectfully report that they have carefully inspected the above Treasurer's report, for the last year, ending November 30, 1873, and have examined the assets of the Bank, consisting of Bonds, Mortgages, Judgments, Loans upon Real Estate, Cash in Bank and on hand, and find the same to correspond with the report.

F. W. HAY, JAMES MCMILLEN, H. A. BOOMS, } Auditors.

STATISTICAL.

Number of Depositors	1,404
Number of Open Accounts	1,686
Average to each Depositor	$150 79
Women	926
Minors	478
Male	1,017
Female	1,069
Rate of Dividends for 1871	5 per cent.
Rate of Dividends for 1872 and 1873	6 per cent.
Loans on Collateral	$ 5,000 00
Market Value of Collat'al	$ 70,000 00
Loans on Real Estate	$136,789 15
Value of 2 Val'e of ground	$240,471 00
Security A Value of buildings thereon	420,850 00
	$716,321 00

Loans upon Real Estate are based upon the value of the land alone; buildings upon it being regarded merely as an additional security. dec'24

Geo. R. Coffroth & Co., WHOLESALE DEALERS IN TOBACCO SNUFFS AND CIGARS, 330 Baltimore St., Second Door West of Howard, BALTIMORE, MD. nov6.

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LONGING.

BY JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

Of all the myriad moods of mind
That through the soul come thronging,
Which one was e'er so dear, so kind,
So beautiful as longing?
The thing we long for, that we are
For one transcendant moment,
Before the Present poor and bare
Can make its sneering comment.

Still, through our paltry stir and strife,
Glows down the wished ideal,
And longing molds in clay what life
Carves in the marble Real;
To let the new life in, we know,
Desire must ope the portal;—
Perhaps the longing to be so
Helps make the soul immortal.

Longing in God's fresh heavenward will
With our poor earthward striving;
We quench it that we may be still
Content with merely living;
But would we learn that heart's full scope
Which we are hourly wronging,
Our lives must climb from hope to hope,
And realize our longing.

Ah! let us hope that to our praise
Good God not only reckons
The moments when we tread his ways
But when the spirit beckons—
That some slight good is also wrought
Beyond self-satisfaction,
When we are simply good in thought,
How'er we fail in action.

"WALKING THE PLANK."

The history of the West is one long record of bloody and attrocious deeds. Not the least in the dark and interminable catalogue is the little event we are now about to lay before our kind readers. We heard the story from the lips of one who professed—and we had no reason to doubt his word—to have played a prominent part in the thrilling occurrence, and we give it to the readers just as we heard it.

"Some years ago," said the narrator, "a friend and myself agreed to take a tramp, hunter fashion, through the great wilderness of the Northwest. Having provided ourselves with what things we thought actually necessary, and nothing more, we started upon our perilous journey; for that it was perilous we were fully aware, and every reader will admit.

"After encountering innumerabld hardships and many dangers, we found ourselves in the wildest kind of a region, many miles distant from the haunts of civilization.—Already we had passed through enough to have discouraged most men, but we were young and full of blood, and not easily put out or frightened. This was particularly the case with my companion, whose name was Andrew Huff.

"Both of us were perfectly healthy, as strong as iron, and considerably experienced in the use of such articles as rifles, pisotls and bowie knives. In all these respects we could hold our own with the best; had it been otherwise, we should never have lived to reach the point at which we finally arrived.

"Just about dark one evening in the latter part of July, after a hard day's tramp, we halted for the nigh: A darker, deeper, lonlier solitude than that which surrounded us, it would be hard to imagine. Silently we built a little fire and supper; silently we ate it. Worn out, and for the time being slightly dispirited, we were in no humor for conversation.

"For some time we sat by our camp fire without uttering a single word, and almost without moving. I was thinking of home and absent friends, and it is only reasonable to suppose that Huff was similarly occupied.

"After the lapse of some time, our fire burnt low, and I arose to replenish it.—The bark of a wolfe startled me, and I voluntarily addressed my companion.

Huff did not answer me, however, but, without noticing the circumstance, I threw a quantity of faggots on the fire and addressed him.

"Take a few hours rest, Andy, and I'll keep watch," said I "and after that you can do the same by me."

"Still I got no answer, and then I began to notice my companion's unusual taciturnity.

"Anything the matter, Andy?" said I, regarding him closely.

No answer again.

"That's a little strange," I muttered, moving over toward my companion.

Huff was sitting facing the fire, with his head bent upon his knees. I shook him without arousing him. Finally, I raised his head, and at once became conscious that he was soundly, deeply asleep.

"Laughing off the fears which had for a few moments oppressed me, I left Huff to enjoy his nap, and settled myself down as comfortably as the circumstances would permit.

"I was dreadfully drowsy, and despite our perilous situation, despite every effort I made to the contrary, I could not entirely resist the overpowering influence of sleep. Occasionally I started up suddenly, and found that I had been dozing. The last time I was aroused, I was awoke by the bark of a wolf. Jumping to my feet, I beheld the fierce animal not a dozen paces distant, his ravenous eyes glaring upon me from the darkness. Seizing up a brand, I flung it at the rapacious monster with all my strength. It struck him full in the face, and with a terrible howl he darted off into the forest. Huff did not awake, did not even stir, so sound was his repose.

"After that I did not feel much inclined to sleep, though nothing more was to be seen or heard. I examined my rifle and pistols, piled more faggots on the fire, and kept on the move, my eyes and ears open for any more nocturnal visitors.

"Some time passed quietly, and I began to grow insufferably weary. Every muscle relaxed, and a drowsy stupor gradually stole over me. My eyes closed unconsciously—my knees bent beneath me, and I was about dropping to the ground, when I was suddenly aroused by the sound of a man's voice.

"Hellow, fellers, how d'yer do!" were the words which fell upon my ears, and aroused me to full consciousness.

"I looked around in bewilderment.—Our little camping ground was encircled by a dozen or more brawny, fierce looking desperadoes. It was a complete surprise, and on the spur of the moment, I yelled aloud:

"Andy, Andy, wake up!"

"Yes, wake up, Andy!" echoed the outlaws loudly and dersively.

"Aroused at last my comrade sprang to his feet, and at the next moment was standing by my side.

"Instantly a dozen or more rifles were leveled at us with deadly aim.

"Yer ain't goin' to show fight, are ye?" demanded one of the outlaws, a brutal looking wretch, and the leader of the band, as it afterwards appeared.

"That depends on circumstances!" responded Andy, unhesitatingly. "We're two good men, afraid of neither man or beast—and if your intentions are hostile, as they appear to be, you may take my word for it that we'll give you all the trouble we can."

"You won't now, will yer?" rejoined the desperado, tauntingly. "Guess ye'll have your hands full ef yer try that sort uv a game."

"Well, what do you want here, any how?" I demanded boldly, fully satisfied in my own mind that if we got out of the present scrape we had to fight it out.

"What do we want har?" was the rapid reply. "I guess the forest's as free to us as it is to any one else. Don't karkulate that you're boss here, stranger, do yer?"

"No?" was Andy's quick reply, and took the words out of my mouth, "nor are you. But that's not the point!" he added; "what do you want with us?"

"Yer money an' yer traps! Understand that sort o' talk, don't yer?"

"Yes, we understand that you're a gang of thieves and cut throats?" responded Andy fiercely; "but if you get anything from us you've got to fight for it, though we are but two against a dozen. Give 'em a shot, comrade!" added the fiery fellow, addressing himself to me. "We can't make the matter worse?"

"I thought so too, and raising my rifle, Andy and myself fired simultaneously.

"Immediately two of the outlaws fell dead to the ground, and the rest uttered a concerted yell, that sounded more fearful than the howl of the wolf I had so recently driven away.

"Now give 'em the pistols!" shouted Andy, his whole soul in the deadly conflict.

Each of us carried a brace of double barreled pistols, which gave us eight shots between us, and quick as lightnig we were discharging the loads in the faces of the outlaws. Six more of the brigands fell before our aim, while we remained uninjured, notwithstanding a number of scattering shots whistled around our ears and over our heads.

"Now charge upon the thieves!" yelled Andy, in stentorian tones.

"I followed my comrade's lead, and together we charged upon the remaining five outlaws, for that number was left.—A fierce and bloody fight ensued. Andy performed miracles, and I did double duty; but as fate would have it, we were both rendered *hors du combat*, my comrade by a pistol wound in his side, and I by a bowie cut in the shoulder.

"I knew nothing more after that, for the next moment I became unconscious. When I came to myself, I found I was in a cave, and it was not long before I discovered that the cave was the haunt of robbers. This much I learned by listening, for I could see nothing, the bright light of day seemed never to penetrate that dismal cavern. It was the gloomiest, chiliest, place I was ever in, and from the bottom of my heart I wished myself well out of it.

"I thought of Andy, you may be sure, but could see no way of finding out what had become of him.

"After a while, however, an old and outrageously ugly Indian Squaw made her appearance. She brought me food and medicine, and temporary light. My wounds had already been dressed. Of course, I was eager to question her.

"My good woman," said I very pleasantly, "I should like to know where I am—will you tell me?"

"She shook her head negatively, and to all I could say or do I got no other answer. I inquired about Andy, and other matters, but received no satisfaction Finally I gave up in dispair, and let the old hag go.

"A week passed, and I was comparatively well. About the expiration of that time, the old squaw came to me one day and beckoned me to follow her. Having no reason to refuse obedience, I complied with her directions, and after traversing a number of dark passages found myself in the open air. It was a bright and sunny morning, and despite my situation, I inhaled the pure atmosphere with delight.

"Assembled on the spot I beheld a gang of a score or more of the worst looking men I had ever encountered, and in the midst my friend and comrade Andrew Huff. Andy looked frightfully pale and emaciated, and appeared to have suffered much more than myself. We had barely time to greet each other, and say, "God bless you, comrade!" when we were suddenly and roughly seized and gagged. At the same time one of the outlaws, whom I at once recognised as the leader of the party we had first encountered, stepped forward and addressed us.

"Now, cuss yer!" he cried passionately, "we'll make you pay for your hard work t'other night. Strip 'em!"

"In a few moments we were stripped to the skin, and we had neither the power to resist or expostulate.

"We were separately led to the brink of a chasm near, and made to look down into the almost unfathomable depths. A stream of water dashed along over the rocks at the bottom. It made me dizzy to look down. We were then stationed a few feet from the brink, with a guard over us. I began to comprehend that some frightful death awaited us, and my feelings were fearful.

"A plank about a dozen feet long and a foot wide was then brought forward and placed half way over the precipice. My blood ran cold at the preparations.

"On one end of the plank two men stationed themselves.

"Now, drive the chap forward!" shouted the leader pointing to Andy. "T'other fellow shall see him drop, an' then he follows arter him. Drive him on thar, bosses!"

"Every effort was made to move Andy, but the poor fellow continued obstinate—The outlaws pricked him with their knives, and beat him with their rifles, but he refused to stir.

"Carry the man!" shouted the leader madly.

Despite his struggles, Andy was picked up and carried to the plank. As the outlaws let him down they gave him a violent push which sent him forward to the end of the plank. Andy swayed from side to side, and struggled wildly to regain his balance. He failed, however, and fell over in his fall desperately clutching the plank. There he held with his finger nails buried in the wood. It was a horrid scene, and my blood runs cold at the bare recollection of it.

"Let him go!" shouted the fiendish leader.

"The men who were standing on the other end of the plank jumped off, and plank and Andy whirled down into the seething depths below. Despite the gag in his mouth, the poor fellow uttered a loud and terrifying shriek before he disappeared from sight forever. The cry rings in my ears now, though years have passed since then. I shall never forget it.

"The outlaws sprang to the edge of the cliff, and with a savage exultation watched Andy's descent.

"Now fur t'other one!" shouted the leader, after the lapse of a few minutes.

"At that instant a loud report of firearms suddenly reverberated far and near, and half of the bandits, at least fell dead to the earth. The balls whistled around me as thick as hail, but I escaped unhurt. Instantly afterward a party of trappers rushed upon the scene and charged at the outlaws. The fight was short but desperate. In the end not an outlaw of them all remained alive, though they fought like incarnate devils.

"In the first moment of the melee I got away out of the reach of harm. Pinioned and gagged, I would have been of no use to myself or anybody. After the conflict was over I made my appearance and gave a statement of all that had transpired. From the trappers I learned that the cry of Andy had directed to the spot; but, poor fellow, they came too late to save him.

"I thanked God and the mountaineers for my own preservation, and quitted the scene with a sense of relief mingled with a feeling of sadness.

"Gentlemen, that was about the worst situation I was ever placed in, and may you never have a similar experience."

Hearing and Doing.

Hearing is one thing and doing quite another. Thousands attend church every Lord's day and give attention by hearing the gospel, but comparatively few do what the Lord has commanded. A very intelligent lady remarked in my hearing a few days since, that "too many professed christians think they have done their whole duty by going to church and hearing a sermon." We must sadly confess that what the good lady has said is too often true. Men even go so far as to hear and understand and believe, and yet fail to do what the Lord has commanded, and by such failure lose the reward promised to the obedient.

In many churches a preacher is employed to do the preaching, and the members think they have done their whole duty when they have patiently heard what the preacher has to say. Thousands of sinners here, understand and possibly believe, and yet do not obey God. Such sinners are as sure of condemnation as that there is a day of judgment.

If professed christians simply hear, understand and believe, they are not a whit better than sinners of the world, who do the same thing and do no more. We must hear, and if we do not heed we must be lost. But we may hear and still be lost unless we do. To hear, understand, believe and obey, is the sum of christian duty. Thousands may have their names recorded on the church-book, may give liberally to the church, may attend church, hear, understand, believe, and yet be condemned because they have not done the will of the Lord.

The first converts to the christain religion earnestly inquire what they must do. The great Paul also inquired of the Lord what he must do. The question is not so much, what must I hear, and what must I believe? but what must I do? The greatest number of men in this country, no doubt, have heard and believed, but have yet to be convinced that they must do. The moralist expects to be saved through Christ without doing the will of God. The Universalist also hears, understands, and believes that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God, but refuses to obey him. He will not do. Thousands of professed christians hear, know and believe, but will not do.—All such professed Christians, together with moralists and Universalists, will be condemned in the judgment of the great day for not doing. The glory of the life of Christ is in the fact that "he went about doing good." "It is written in the volume of the book, Lo, I come to do thy will O God." He that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

All that hear, understand, believe and do what God has commanded, will be saved with an everlasting salvation. May God help us not only to hear, but to do his will. Hoping, loving and doing will prepare us to enjoy this life and fit us for the grand and glorious life above. —*Christian Review.*

The Amazon.

The Amazon transcends in length, breadth and magnificence the Mississippi, the Nile and Yangate. It is about 4,000 miles in its extreme length, and 180 miles wide at its mouth. Thirty-five miles inland it's width is 10 miles, and at a distance of 2,800 miles from its mouth it measures 500 yards in width. The soil is unexcelled in fertility. It abounds in caoutchouccocao, Brazil nuts, hides, sarsaparilla and other medical drugs and roots, which can be utilated to supply the world. Cotton is indigenous to the soil and climate, and can supply an unlimited quantity.

Beecher as a Mimic.

Mr. Beecher preached Sunday evening upon the difficulty of acquiring correct religious habits, and the comparative ease of maintaining them when once they have become second nature. "Many look upon religion," he said, "as an insurance policy against final loss by fire." He described that kind of religion so funnily that the congregation laughed outright. "They go to church every Sunday," he said, pulling his coat close around him, drawing his face down dolorously and rolling up his eyes. "The hymns are doled out to them, a good, sound, dry sermon is preached to them, and the most elegant passage of all is their going out. They attend prayer meetings, too—most dismal prayer meetings." Here his lower jaw dropped, more of the whites of his eyes showed, and his hands were clasped before him.—"There are some comfortable things in Greenwood, but none in one of these prayer meetings. They go through the exercises solemnly, and the brethren try to say something—they do say the same things they have been saying twenty years. Then the services are mercilessly cut short and they go gloomily home."

After describing the true religion as something independent of forms and catechisms, Mr. Beecher illustrated the process of its practical acquirement. He held an invisible fiddle, fingering the strings with one hand, and drawing the bow with the other, and adjusting the imaginary instrument under his chin, while he said: "Have you ever seen a boy trying to learn to fiddle? I don't wonder they call those things catgut. I should say the spirits of all the dead old cats were in them. But when the boy masters it—" stopping short he commenced to fiddle gracefully, like a good violinist Then he showed how a man learns to set type, the desk furnishing the case, from which he slowly and awkwardly carried the letters to a suppositious composing stick, spelling out audibly s-h-a-d.

When the congregation had stopped laughing, he gave the rapid motions of the same man after his trade had been learned. "I was taught elocution," he said, "although you might not think it. "I was drilled in all its gestures." He made the prescribed gestures, and struck the attitudes in awkward but rapid succession, and then did them gracefully in the style of a speaker to whom they had become habitual and unrestrained. "When we try to be graceful," he said, "we can't be. All those things come by long and persistent usage, and then without thought. In the country where a board six inches wide is laid in the mud, a man will walk it without effort, and never step off." Taking his place at one side of the platform he walked easily and in an exact line to the other side, with his hands in his pockets and his eyes wandering carelessly. "Now," he went on, "put that board at a height of fifteen feet, and not one man in a dozen can walk the length of it without falling off." Taking his position as before, he fixed his eyes in front of him as though on the elevated board, looked scared, and commenced the imaginary passage. Wavering and balancing, with his arms extended, he with difficulty got half way cross, and stumbled as though falling. The people laughed ont loud at the elaborately perfect pantomine.

The greatest hit, however, was the droll mimicry of a miser, who resolved upon reform, and began by releasing a mortgage upon a poor man's farm. The counterfeit severity of the miser in demanding payment, the fright of the debtor, the blandness of the miser in presenting the canceled document, and the joyous antics of the debtor's wife and children, were all produced with the skill of a trained comedian. Finally Mr. Beecher, as the reformed miser, with a benevolent smile on his face, mounted his horse and rode off—bending his partel knees and swaying his body in exact imitation of a rider, and cutting behind with an imaginary whip—everybody laughed until the tears came.

To Make Hens Lay.

When eggs bear such good prices, and are so delicious in the many ways the good cook brings them to the table, it is necessary the hens have a little attention. See that they have an abundance of gravel; old pieces of crockery pounded up will do better than nothing. Concoct a pudding for them, two or three times a week, not oftener, with the following ingredients: Place an old pail out at one side, and into this throw the meat scraps that are good for nothing else, egg shells, beans, hominy, bread crusts, corn' parched very brown, coarse meal siftings; and then, when the day arrives to serve up this dish, take the water in which you parboiled your pork and beans, or other greasy water, stirring into it bran sufficient to thicken well, allowing it to cook a few minutes, pouring the whole over these served-up scraps. Let it stand a short time after it is thoroughly stirred; and feed while warm. Aside from this give warm drink every morning; and you will have plenty of eggs.—*Ohio Farmer.*

A Florrence correspondent tells of a curious translation of a Japanese description of Yokohama, with a detailed account of the manners and customs of the resident foreigners. Written with much *naivete* it was evidently intended for popular instruction. In the author's opinion; swinging forms a regular part of a European boy's education, in order that, having to seek his fortune in distant lands, he may not suffer from sea-sickness. The Japanese writer also says that the foreigners, although good men of business and excellent horsemen, entirely neglect that philosophical and literary culture so much esteemed by his own countrymen. He is kind-enough to add that they are as clean in their person as the Japanese, and gives a minute description of their dwellings and domestic life. Jealousy, he says, is an unknown passion among them, and so much affection subsists between man and wife that it is quite a common occurrence to see a European married couple walking arm-in-arm in public. are "not a bad lot."

An Eagle Tries to Carry off a Girl.

The Jacksonville, Alabama, *Republican* has the following: On Saturday, the 3d instant, a girl named Elizabeth Moore daughter of Albert Moore, living in the northwest corof Colburne county, was returning home from a neighbor's house, whither she had been sent on an errand, when she felt something heavy striking upon her shoulder, and the next instant she was borne to the ground. She says that her first impression was that she had been seized by a panther or some other wild beast, but soon felt the talons of what proved to be an eagle, clutching her sides and arms, and lascerating the flesh in a fearful manner; and, with its beak pecking her on the head, she was dragged some distance on the ground. Pretty soon the eagle having secured his prize, with his claws and bill firmly fixed, raised her from the ground and sailed along at from three to four feet above the earth some distance. Occasionally she was dropped on the ground, but the eagle would as often raise her again, making new and serious wounds with his talons in her body and his beak in her head, till at last he reached the height of ten feet, and attempted to alight on the top of a red oak tree on the roadside, when his hold again gave way and the girl fell to the earth seriously stunned and hurt. She was unconscious for a time, then clambered over the fence nearby into her father's orchard, and began to make the best of her way to the house, near which she was met by her mother, who had been attracted by her screams, and was hastening to her relief. The most remarkable part of the matter is that the girl did not see the eagle at all A shawl which had been securely fastened about her head, so as to project over her face, hid her rude antagonist from her view. The track along which she was dragged, however, was plainly visible in the road. The girl Elizabeth is fourteen years of age, and weighs between eighty and ninety pounds. Her father is a very reliable and worthy man. He is a son-in-law of Mr. Hartfield, in the same section of the country, and lives about five miles from Tecumseh Iron Works. The girl was not seriously hurt and is doing well. The eagle has been twice seen since by the hunters, who are making every effort to kill or capture him.

Silent People.

We all reckon among our aquaintances some silent man or woman whose influence is felt, whose rarely expressed opinion carries weight, whose words, few indeed, but well chosen, spoken in clear, harmonious tones, go to the point and decide it. We have all met with quite, well-read, and well-bred women whose society we have sought and found an ever-increasing thirst for—woman whose minds unfolded, leaf by leaf, rare beauties, which made one feel better for every hour spent with them. To know such women is to study them, is to love them, to hunger for their society, to prize their presence, to regret their absence, and to mourn them forever when they have passed into the "silent land." To such women the world owes much, far more than those who speak; these are the women who make home happy and life beautiful; to whom the cross word, the impatient tone are strangers, whose children are surprised at a harsh tone, and who never fear the blow they have no knowledge of; these are they, who, saving nothing of woman's rights, think the more of woman's duties, the chief of which is a woman's highest priviledge, making home happy.

The Stocking Loom.

A pretty story tells us of the invention of the stocking loom: W. Lee was a gay young student at Oxford, who saw among the Greek letters of his Iliad only the eyes of the innkeeper's daughter, and heard in the professor's tones but the click of her swift knitting needles. In despair he threw away his books, hurried to his mistress, and with her to the parson's. When the Oxford dons heard of the proceedings at the rectory, they decided in grave council that this crime of marriage must be made an example of, and accordingly the young man was expelled. Disgraced and dishonored, he and Peggy were cast out into the world with only four knitting needles to look to for bread. But Peggy went merrily to work, her eyes growing brighter, her fingers plying faster, while her enamored husband sat before her in helpless insufficiency, watching the gleaming needles as if entranced.

"Eureka?" he exclaimed one day. "Who?"

Peggy looked up anxiously. She had never been to a grammer school.

"I can do it, Peggy, better than you," he answered, with a manly sense of his superiority. He had got some wires and went to work, while Peggy watched, and so