The Somerset Herald.

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GET ready for the good times. They are coming.

WONDERFUL tales from the gold fields will probably be the coming popular thing in our romantic fiction.

PROTECTION and prosperity have been intimate in the past, which is good ground for future confidence.

WHEAT went up several points every day last week, and the smile of the farmer is getting as broad as it is long.

PROTECTION may be defined as a policy on which Republicans are united and the other parties very much divided.

ONE good thing has been accomplished by the Wilson tariff law. It demonstrated that a free trade experiment in this country means a deficit and hard times.

WHEN the Philadelphia mint alone coins fifty millions of dollars a year, Americans can keep on believing that this is a big country, and requires a big amount of coin to carry on its business.

SOME of the Populist epithets bandied at Nashville were "red-headed sap-sucker" and "mullet-headed buzzard." Yet harmony prevailed to the extent of disagreeing with all other parties.

THREE men in Lowell, Mass., who were caught giving bribes to a city official for a municipal franchise will pay a fine of $500 each and pass one year in prison. The peculiarity in the case is that they were caught.

EVERY dollar of gold in the world has cost over two dollars, and of fifty thousand gold mines in the world only two have paid. These are statistics which ought to stagger even a person who is getting ready to go to Alaska.

THE time is rapidly coming when the fellows who spent five or six hundred dollars to hold a "fake" primary election will be asking themselves what return they got for their outlay, and the pause for reply will be so prolonged that the silence will be painful.

FOR the first time in many years the Blackburns, of Kentucky, are all out of office. Not many years ago the certificate of Joe Blackburn's election was signed by Luke Blackburn, governor, and attested by James Blackburn, secretary of state. But "things have changed."

Now that Mr. Kooser has a County Chairman of his own, to say nothing of a "Vice" Chairman, and an Executive Committee, entirely apart and distinct from the regular Republican organization, what is he going to do with it? Or, in other words, how is he going to let loose?

THE Democratic organs in this State have again taken to naming a Republican candidate for Governor next year. Whenever they have nothing else to do, they start this little game. It amuses them, and it doesn't hurt anybody, so they are perfectly welcome to continue.

IT is an old saw that straws show which way the wind blows. Here are some wheat straws which are important. The flour output of the flour centers last week was 317,390 barrels, as compared with 286,450 barrels for the corresponding week of 1896 and 197,080 barrels for the corresponding week in 1895.

"As a political issue, the free and independent coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, or any other ratio, is as dead as the institution of African slavery," said Henry Watterson at the great meeting in Louisville last week, and the dramatic exclamation brought out the greatest enthusiasm of the day. It was a great truth eloquently expressed.

THE last Legislature got after the traveling doctor and made him the subject of legislation. Hereafter when a traveling medical practitioner camps down in a community he must take out a license, even if he practices gratuitously. The bill requiring this reached the Governor among the last lot of legislation sent him by the Legislature, and he has approved it.

SENATOR MCENERY, of Louisiana, voted with the Republicans on the tariff bill, and his constituents are so pleased with his action that they are arranging a grand public reception for him when he returns home after the adjournment of congress. This strong sentiment for protection is in the very heart of the recent solid south, where free trade was presumed to reign supreme.

WE violate no confidence in stating that General Coffroth has not yet given orders for the erection of the contemplated barracks. The present indications are that the recruits that he will receive, as a result of the late "fake" primary, will not materially increase his fighting force. The few bushwhackers and guerillas who have been fighting between the lines for years past, are not looked on by the General as desirable recruits. It is doubtful whether he will enlist them.

BETTER times are on the way. The agreement on the tariff bill strengthened everything. Green Rio coffee rose a quarter, and the roasted coffee trade was fairly active and excited. Refined sugar was excited and strong, and there were enormous purchases. But the most significant advance was in wheat. It went up four cents, closing strong at 83. These evidences of activity mean that public confidence is getting ready for the period of prosperity which is to come over the land.

A SENSATION has been caused by the Governor's attitude respecting the expense accounts of the various investigating committees and the salaries of officers and employes of the Legislature. He has called for detailed itemized statements and the assumption is that unless these statements are satisfactory to the Governor these bills will not be approved. He has the power under the Constitution to veto any separate item in an appropriation bill, and this does not apply to the general appropriation bill only. As it looks now the Governor will slash all doubtful paragraphs in the various appropriation bills. Those who have inserted items that are dishonest or irregular ought not to complain if the veto axe falls in their direction. It is evidently the intention of the Governor to hew to the line and permit the chips to fall where they may.

JURY TRIALS before a Justice of the Peace are not common, but up in Northumberland county they seem to have fallen in love with this method of deciding petty cases, and the trials are conducted with so much fidelity that recently a jury of six stayed out all night because they could not agree whether a man was guilty or innocent of a simple charge of assault and battery.

Although a jury trial in this particular instance was a failure, says the Philadelphia Times, it would be well if petty cases were disposed of in this way before the Justice in more counties of the State. The law provides for such hearings, and it was formerly the custom to pass upon trivial charges before this lower court. The Quarter Sessions in nearly every county are full of cases that should have been settled elsewhere, and if the plea is made that every defendant has a right to a jury trial a revival of the old custom of empaneling a jury of six before a Magistrate will be a good answer. Six men are as likely to deal out justice in a petty case as twelve, and there would be time, labor and money saved to all parties to the dispute if this method were more generally adopted.

Quay a Candidate.

From the Lancaster Inquirer.

The assurance given by Senator Quay that he will be a candidate for U. S. Senator to succeed himself, will be received with great satisfaction by a majority of the people of the state. Had he declined to be a candidate, as it was feared he would, there would have been great difficulty in selecting his successor, and an unseemly factional warfare would have been the result. As it is there will of course be some opposition to the Senator's re-election, but if we are to Judge the future by the past it will be feeble and inefficient. Senator Quay is easily the most accomplished and skillfull politician in Pennsylvania, and his services to the state since he has been a member of the Senate have been most valuable. With these facts in his favor and his intimate acquaintance with leading men, it is not likely he will have any serious difficulty in securing a re-election. Indeed it would not surprise us if in the end his selection would be unanimous.

A Moral in a Nightshirt.

From the Boston Transcript.

The fact that Mr. Bryan wears silk nightshirts is now, thanks to the enterprise of the press, known from one end of this great country to the other. We should not comment upon Mr. Bryan's taste except for the fact that it clearly demonstrates that he is learning that the wearing of luxurious garments by those who can pay for them helps the toiling masses. A silk nightshirt involves in its manufacture the activity of many skilled hands at good prices. Last fall Mr. Bryan did not know this. He is acquiring knowledge and he has an almost boundless margin for acquisition still.

The Use of Schools Defined.

In an opinion handed down by Justice Fell, Friday, the Supreme Court decided that public school directors have not the right to permit the use of school property for other than strictly school purposes.

In his opinion Justice Fell says: "The use of school buildings by the community at large for public meetings for the discussion of subjects of general interest may be said to be in the line of their use for educational purposes, but it is not the use intended by law. If the school buildings may be used for meetings for the convenience, pleasure or instruction of the general public, all other school property may with equal propriety be so used, and it would be but a step further to apply a part of the school funds to the same use."

The question at issue was the right to permit the school to be used for sectarian religious meetings.

A Compliment Returned.

Miss Mattie R. Tyler, granddaughter of the former President of the United States, was Thursday appointed postmaster at Courtland, Va. The selection ends a long contest, in which Miss Tyler went to Washington and presented her claims in person to Postmaster-General Gary and Fourth-Assistant Bristow. During the Tyler Administration, the President, in the course of a trip, picked up a child in his arms and remarked: "That's a bright little boy." That boy was the present Postmaster-General, who, after the advisers of the Administration in State patronage had failed to reach an agreement, Thursday settled the postoffice case for himself. The office pays $965 per annum. Miss Tyler succeeds Eugene C. Barrett.

We have no hesitation in recommending "Garland" Stoves and Ranges. Their high reputation for durability, economy of fuel, convenience and artistic finish, stamps them as the world's best. It is the constant aim of the manufacturers to make the very best stove that can be produced. They are unrivaled.

Gold Discoveries in Alaska.

From the Chicago Tribune.

Alaska would doubtless be overrun with gold diggers in a few weeks if it were only a little more accessible, for the stories of the wealth of the precious metal that lies along the valley of the Yukon River rival the best literature of the '49 days.

The gold find, however, in this territory is not new, although the facts are just beginning to be appreciated by the public. The unanimous verdict of investigators in this northern country has always been that gold abounded in great quantities, but the difficulty has been to get it out and away with any degree of profit. But for the company or individuals with capital and enterprise the prospect seems to be of the best. The introduction of improved machinery—which has already begun—and the enlargement of the transportation facilities on the long Yukon River will soon bring these golden riches within easy reach of the states.

The stories of the finds, however, must be taken with the usual reservations. There will be natural exaggerations not only of the richness of the gold, but of the character of the hardships that must be endured. Alaska is no balmy California. There is no comforting warmth most of the year to sustain the spirits of the wearied seeker after wealth. The battle for gold there includes a battle with a hostile nature, which has guarded her treasure house with icy blasts for all these centuries. It is no place for the laggard, if all reports be true, but for the man of courage and determination it seems to be a land of great promise.

Rev. Dr. Swallow's Sentence.

HARRISBURG, July 19.—Rev. Dr. Silas C. Swallow, editor of "The Methodist," and prohibition candidate for state treasurer, who was convicted of libeling the board of public building and grounds last April, was called for sentence this morning. Dr. Swallow appeared with a number of ladies and members of the Prohibition party, who surrounded him inside the bar.

Judge Simonton sentenced him to pay a fine of $500 and the costs. An order was also made that he pay the costs in the suit brought against him for libel by the soldiers' orphans' commission, in which he was found not guilty but directed to pay the costs. As Dr. Swallow walked away from the judge he was presented with a large bouquet of white flowers. The case will be taken to the superior court.

Some Vetoes.

Up to date Gov. Hastings has vetoed about as many bills as he has approved.

One of the bills vetoed was "An act to regulate the proceedings for the incorporation of a borough when the territory to be included in the proposed borough is situated in two or more counties." The bill provides for an election upon a majority petition to determine whether they shall incorporate, and to which county it shall be annexed. The Governor's objection was that two villages divided by a county line may be incorporated into a borough and by vote determine to which county or borough, so erected, they shall be annexed, and thus form a new line for both counties. One of the counties may be largely in debt and the adjoining county free from debt. All the property in the village would be relieved by a vote of the inhabitants, if they saw indebtedness. Furthermore, both villages voting to be incorporated as a borough, would by such vote relieve themselves and their property from all liability to pay the debts of the township or the school district of which they lately formed a part.

Another veto was of the act authorizing the burgess and town council of each of the several boroughs throughout this Commonwealth to levy a tax for the purpose of purchasing, erecting and maintaining hydrants and fireplugs for the purpose of supplying the boroughs with sufficient supply of water for the extinguishment of fires and other public purposes, and for the purposes of properly lighting and illuminating the streets.

The Governor thinks this law is unnecessary, as the subject is fully covered by the acts of 1851 and 1875, which permit a total taxation for all purposes in boroughs of thirteen mills per year, while the proposed law limits the total rate to ten mills.

The bill to regulate travel upon the highways, streets and roads, is exceedingly difficult to understand. It provides for vehicles to turn to the right unless blocked or when it is dangerous or impossible to turn out to the left, all of which, the Governor says is meaningless, so he applied the tomahawk.

The bill amending the act of 1895, reducing the license fee for circuses, theatrical performances, etc., from thirty dollars to twenty dollars in boroughs and townships, and exempting townships of less than 1,500, was also vetoed. Divisions of townships and boroughs are not permitted by the Constitution. The law should apply alike to all.

New Paving Law.

The governor has approved the following, passed by the last legislature:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in general assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That all boroughs of this commonwealth shall have power, without petition of property owners, to grade, pave, curb, macadamize and otherwise improve public streets or parts thereof, when said streets or parts thereof do not exceed 500 feet in length, and connect two streets or parts of a street, theretofore paved and improved. Provided, The ordinance authorizing and directing such improvement shall be adopted and enacted by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members-elect comprising the councils of the said borough and shall be approved by the burgess thereof. No such ordinance shall be finally adopted and enacted in less than 30 days from the date of its introduction; and in the meantime copies of said ordinance shall be published in a newspaper in said borough, or circulating therein, once a week for two weeks, and by at least five handbills posted along the improvement 10 days before the final passage in council thereof of such an ordinance.

Section 2. In exercising the power aforesaid all proceedings for the ascertainment of damages and assessment of benefits incident thereto shall be as now provided by law in reference to payment of costs, damage and expense of public improvements within municipal corporations.

Everybody knows that "Garland" Stoves and Ranges are the world's best They combine elegant finish, durability and convenience, with economy of fuel, and in spite of all competition hold their station far in advance of all others. We take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to their merit.

Grasshoppers Eat Crops.

REDFIELD, S. D., July 15.—All yesterday afternoon the sun was clouded by a swarm of grasshoppers passing southward. Word was brought in from Spring Creek by a farmer that a small section of the swarm had alighted near his farm. At the time he left for the city a place about six miles square had been eaten clean of buffalo grass, and operations had begun on his wheat and oats fields.

He stated that the range visited by the hoppers had been totally destroyed. Stockmen in several instances have been compelled to move their cattle to new feeding grounds.

UNITED BRETHREN CAMP MEETING, MT. GRETNA.

Reduced Rates via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the United Brethren Camp Meeting at Mt. Gretna, Pa., August 3 to 12, 1897, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from all points on its system east of Pittsburg and Erie, and west of and including Philadelphia, to Mt. Gretna and return at reduced rates. These tickets will be sold August 1 to August 12 inclusive, good to return until August 20, 1897, inclusive. For specific rate, conditions etc., apply to your nearest ticket agent.

G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT, BUFFALO

Half Rates via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Buffalo, August 23, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell special tickets from all points on its system to Buffalo and return at rate of a single fare for the round trip. These tickets will be sold and will be good going on August 21 to 23, and good to return not earlier than August 24 nor later than August 31, 1897.

L. A. W. MEET, PHILADELPHIA.

Half Rates via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the annual meet of the League of American Wheelmen at Philadelphia, August 4 to 7, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell special tickets from all points on its system to Philadelphia and return at rate of a single fare for the round trip. No rate will be less than twenty-five cents. Tickets will be sold and will be good going on August 3 and 4, and good to return until August 9, 1897, inclusive.

Nature's Bar Acquits Him.

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 17.—City Judge Gray Falkener has acquitted Jacob S. Harris for killing his wife's lover, Thomas H. Merritt, here last Friday night.

The Court held that the action of the man who avenges his blasted married life and his dishonored children by striking down the destroyer after all must be determined at the bar of human nature, and human nature will excuse the one who so avenges.

The Mt. Pleasant Institute.

The Western Pennsylvania Classical and Scientific Institute offers exceptional advantages as a school for the training of the young. There are seven courses of study, including Music and Art. A $500 cash prize. For full information write the principal, H. C. Dixon, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

Bringing in the Gold.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 18.—The excitement over the Klondyke mines is on the increase and hundreds of people are preparing to sail for Alaska. The steamer Portland, which to-day brought down over $1,000,000 in gold from St. Michaels, is on her return trip and will be crowded to her utmost capacity. Conservative men who have been in the country claim there is room for hundreds more in Alaska. They admit that all of the fields in the vicinity of Klondyke have been taken, but every river in Alaska is, in their judgment, filled with gold, which can be secured if the men are willing to risk the hardships. Inspector Strickland of the Canadian mounted police, who came down on the Portland, says: "When I left Dawson City, a month ago, there were about 800 claims staked out, and there were between 2,000 and 3,000 men there. We can safely say that there was about $1,500,000 in gold mined last winter. The wages in the mines were $15 a day and the saw mill paid laborers $10 a day. The claims now staked out will afford employment to about 5,000 men, I believe. If a man is strong, healthy and wants work he can find employment at good wages. Several men worked on an interest, or what is termed a "lay," and during the winter realized from $5,000 to $10,000 each. The mines are 35 to 100 miles from the Alaska boundary."

A detachement of mounted police of the Northwest territory, which passed through Seattle two years ago, struck it rich. Five of the 20 guards returned on the Portland with gold amounting to $200,000. The other 15 remained in Alaska to engage in mining.

The Pennsylvania Railroad's Popular Excurtions to the Sershore.

No other summer outing appeals so strongly to the people of western Pennsylvania as the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's popular excursions to the seacoast of New Jersey. For years they have been looked forward to as the holiday event of each summer. The secret of their great popularity is the phenomenally low rate and the high character of the service. The limit of twelve days just fits the time set apart for the average vacation, and the dates of the excursion are most conveniently adjusted. There is also the widest field for choice in the selection of a resort. Atlantic City, Cape May, Sea Isle City, and Ocean City are the choicest of the Atlantic coast resorts, and any one of them may be visited under these arrangements. The list this year includes also Rehoboth, Del., and Ocean City, Md.

The dates of the excursions are July 15, and 29, and August 12 and 21. A special train of Pullman parlor cars and day coaches will leave Pittsburg on above-mentioned dates at 8.55 a. m., arriving at Altoona 12.15 p. m., where stop for dinner will be made, reaching Philadelphia 6.25 p. m., and arriving Atlantic City, via the Delaware River Bridge route, at 8.40 p. m., making the run from Pittsburg to the seashore via the only allrail route in eleven hours and forty-five minutes. Passengers may also spend the night in Philadelphia, and proceed to the shore by any regular train from Market street wharf or Broad street station the following day.

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Sold his Mustache For $300.

READING, Pa., July 17.—Rev. A. T. Peck, of Denver, Col., was one of the chief speakers at the Mennonite campmeeting at Royersford during this week. He had a very large mustache, which was not liked by the plain, clean-shaven brethren of the eastern Mennonite persuasion. Finally one of the rich brethren of the Schuylkill valley in jest offered $300 cash for the mustache. Mr. Peck smiled at the offer, and, also in jest, said he'd take it. The matter then took a more serious turn, and before the day closed it was understood to be a bargain.

Yesterday Mr. Peck appeared in the pulpit without his mustache. He said he desired more to please his brethren than accept the cash, but that as he had a place for the money among the Christian poor of the west, he'd take the purse and do a great deal of good with it. His mustache was wrapped in tissue paper and handed to Brother Diller, and a check for the money was tendered, drawn on a Norristown bank. The minister thinks any clergyman in the land would take a clean shave at such a price for the missionary cause.

To which would you prefer to belong The regular, undoubtedly. The irregulars are, admittedly the most numerous, but they are in a very undesirable state of no discipline. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will soon remedy this want in a disordered liver or bowels. Biliousness manifests itself in yellowness of the skin and eyeballs, sour breath, furred tongue, morning nausea, discomfort in the vicinity of the liver, vertigo and sick-headache. Hosts of people suffer thus. These signs of insubordination to the goverance of health, together with an irregular condition of the bowels, are soon regulated by the Bitters, which also overcomes malaria, dyspepsia, rheumatism, neuralgia, nervousness and kidney trouble. As a means of checking premature decay, hastening convalescence, and mitigating the infirmities of age, the grat tonic is without a parallel.

Birds on Hats Illegal.

BOSTON, July 16.—The new law against the selling and wearing of birds' bodies and feathers has been officially promulgated. It provides a penalty of $10 for each offense.

The Chief of the State Police has sent a circular to Massachusetts milliners and dealers in birds, referring to the recent act passed by the Legislature, which prohibits the use of song birds for the purpose of ornamenting hats or bonnets.

Senator Roe, of Worcester, is the father of the new law, and United States Senator Hoar is said to have written the petition, under which the original bill was drawn.

Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

That the public have come to recognize the fact that the best and most convenient method of pleasure travel is that presented by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's personally-conducted tours, is evidenced by the increasing popularity of these tours. Under this system the lowest rates are obtained, for both transportation and hotel accommodation. An experienced tourist agent and chaperon accompany each tour to look after the comfort of the passenger.

The following tours have been arranged for the season of 1897:—

To the north (including Watkins Glen, Niagara Falls, Thousand Islands, Montreal, Quebec, Au Sable Chasm, Lakes Champlain and George, Saratoga, and a daylight ride down through the highlands of the Hudson), July 27 and August 17. Rate, $100 for the round trip from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, covering all expenses of a two weeks' trip. Proportionate rates from other points.

To Yellowstone Park on a special train of Pullman sleeping, compartment, and observation cars and dining car, allowing eight days in "Wonderland," September 2. Rate, $235 from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington; $230 from Pittsburg.

Two ten-day tours to Gettysburg, Luray Caverns, Natural Bridge, Virginia Hot Springs, Richmond, and Washington, September 28 and October 12. Rate, $65 from New York, $63 from Philadelphia. Proportionate rates from other points.

WANTS TO KNOW.

Governor Hastings Calls for Detailed Statements.

Governor Hastings has decided upon a policy with respect to the items in the general appropriation bill and the various expense accounts of investigating committees which is a distinct innovation. It is something new in the history of the State and in the recollection of State officials has never before been done. He has made up his mind not to accept bulk sums for expenses of officers and employes of the Senate and House nor the lump sums submitted by the chairmen of the various investigating committees and heads of departments. The Executive wants to know the items which compose these lump sums and has written letters to Jere B. Rex, chief clerk of the House, and E. W. Smiley, chief clerk of the Senate, requesting them to submit a detailed statement of the items composing the total in the general appropriation bill for salaries of officers and employes. He has also addressed letters to the chairmen of the investigating committees and also to the members of these committees asking for a similar statement. Heads of departments have likewise been requested to call upon him and explain the items in the appropriation bill for their departments, his purpose being to discover whether any cuts can be made without embarrassing the departments. These letters request the chairmen of committees and the clerks of the Senate and House as well as members of the investigating committees to report the itemized lists within a week.

From Blindness to Active Business in Twenty-Eight Days.

One year ago Mr. A. M. Cunningham, Ottawa, Kansas, found himself blind in one eye from cataract and the other failing rapidly. He had the one operated upon by an occulist in St. Joe, Mo., resulting in a painful confinement and a totally blind eye. The other was now too blind to do business. He then came to Pittsburg for the express purpose of placing himself under the skillful care of Dr. Sadler, 804 Penn avenue, whose reputation for success in cataract has extended throughout the length and breadth of the United States. The result in this case added another laurel to the doctor's credit. Mr. C. never having had any pain either with the operation or after it. In three weeks he could read the finest print, and in four weeks was out on the prairies of Kansas selling reapers. The doctor has lost but three cases out of the last 113 of all ages—a percentage certainly worthy of consideration. No season of the year more favorable than now

Excursion to Atlantic City. Reduced Rates via B. & O.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad will inaugurate a series of popular excursions to Atlantic City, Cape May and Sea Isle City during the summer season. The first of the series is announced for Thursday, July 8th. The tickets will be good for twelve days, and allow stop off at Washington on return trip.

We show below the train schedule and rate from points in this vicinity:

Rockwood	10.59 a. m.	12.15 a. m.	$9 00
Johnstown	8.30 "	2.10 p. m.	9 25
Somerset	10.02 "	3.42 "	9 00

Correspondingly low rates from other points.

Pullman Parlor Car on day train. Sleeper on night train.

For further information address nearest B. & O. Agent.

They Fought a Catamount.

HAZLETON, Pa., July 16.—James Hough and John B. Hanlon, of Freeland, had a desperate encounter with a catamount yesterday. They were engaged in picking berries in Oley swamp, and while Hough was stooping to the ground the catamount sprang from a tree, alighting upon his back and imbedding its claws into his neck.

Hanlon sprang to his companion's assistance with a club and struck the animal a terrific blow, felling it to the ground. It again dashed upon the berry-pickers. The young men made a desperate struggle, and the beast was only subdued after having torn Hanlon's clothing almost to shreds and biting and scratching him in many places. His companion escaped under similar conditions.

Cereal Coffee Drinkers BEWARE!

If you have been deceived and tried one of the cheap bran substitutes now on the market, claiming to be the original and to have great food value, and you got a pound of poorly roasted bran for your 25c. and a poor, weak, sickish drink (what can you expect from bran), don't be discouraged but try GRAIN-O. It is made from solid grain, nicely browned and 3 pounds for 25c. Grain-O takes the place of coffee at ¼ the price. Get a package of your grocer to-day.

Women Prisoners Breaking Stone.

A dispatch from Kansas City, of 13th, says: The police department of Kansas City began this morning working women prisoners at breaking stone, the same as the male prisoners. The police Commissioners adopted this rule upon recommendation of Chief Quarrels, who argued that women prisoners kept in idleness were not sufficiently punished.

"They do not object to going to jail at all; in fact, they seem to like it," the Chief said.

The Police Commissioners have adopted regulations for the innovation. The women will wear coarse overalls, the same as the men. They will have no skirts to impede their work. The working of the women prisoners will be the first effort of the kind ever made in Kansas.

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Tickets will be sold from the stations at the rates named below:—

	Rate	Train leaves.
Connellsville	$10 00	7.32 a. m.
Johnstown	9 25	11.04 a. m.
Cumberland	7 50	8.15 a. m.
Hyndman	7 50	8.50 a. m.
Philadelphia...Arrive		6.25 p. m.
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A Sufferer Cured

"Every season, from the time I was two years old, I suffered dreadfully from erysipelas, which kept growing worse until my hands were almost useless. The bones softened so that they would bend, and several of my fingers are now crooked from this cause. On my hand I carry large scars, which, but for

AYER'S Sarsaparilla, would be sores, provided I was alive and able to carry anything. Eight bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla cured me, so that I have had no return of the disease for more than twenty years. The first bottle seemed to reach the spot and a persistent use of it has perfected the cure."—O. C. DAVIS, Wautoma, Wis.

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—we made the kind that would—it's a thorough clearing of every surplus stock—nothing bombastic nor artificial about it, but straight-forward earnestness from the word go—samples and prices show it—and demonstrate what a chance it is to get choice goods at prices never before equaled.

Here are instances of what's being done:—

dress goods

All wool checks, 20c.
Silk and wool, and all wool mixtures, 25c.
52 inch checks, all wool, 25c.
Fine Novelty Dress Goods and Suitings, 50c.

wash goods

Fine Zephyr Ginghams, 10c.
Imported Dimities, neat printings, 10c.
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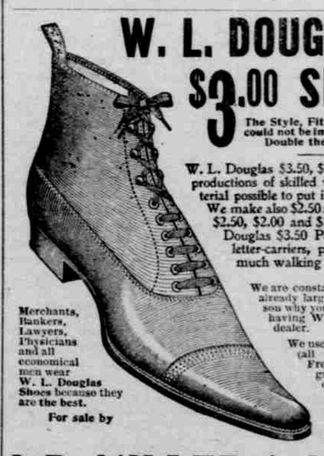

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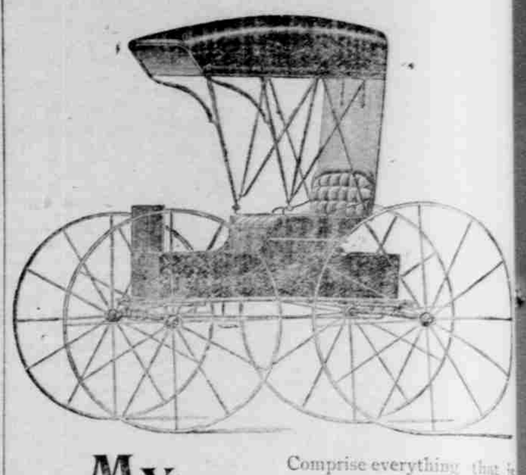

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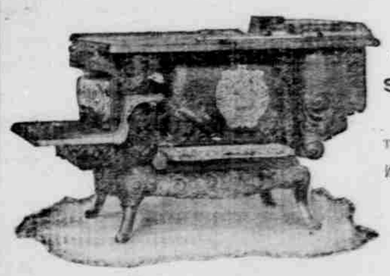

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