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The noise of the lawn mower is again heard—a sure sign that summer is here, notwithstanding the frosty nights and cold winds.

Have you seen the comet? Is a question we often hear, and anyone who can answer, yes, is to be commended for their "git up" so early in the morning.

It is to be regretted that there should be an epidemic of some pecu liar malady going the rounds among our would be congressmen. Already two of the aspirants have been so stricken as to compel them to withdraw from the contest and we do not doubt that others will be "sick" before or on the 4th of June.

Decoration Day is near at hand. Only twelve days until we shall again be called upon to honor the men who fought so valiantly for the preservation of this grand country of ours, and to strew flowers on the graves of our departed friends. In some cases. this custom might be carried to extremes; but we should not neglect to commemorate the day with appropriate exercises and by placing some flowers and flags upon the graves of all soldiers and our immediate friends, if we wish. What preparations are you making for this occasion? If nothing has been done, it is high time to be making arrangements for the proper exercises on that day. A committee should be selected (if none already exists) to look after this matter in due time, and make the occasion a pleasing one, as well as, to commemorate the day set apart to give honor to those who have lived and now rest from their labors.

Again there is another thing to consider in the honor and respect we have for the dead. The condition in which the cemeteries are kept, is a mark of our thoughtfulness along this line. We have noticed the cemetery in such a condition that it was very difficult to walk through it; the briars and weeks grown up so as the riot, cannot recover. to make it appear as though no one lived there, or anywhere near. Our idea is, that a cemetery should be kept in as good a condition, at least, as your front yards at home. This can be looked after at any time throughout the year, but now, as Decoration Day is near at hand, it would be a good plan to see that everything is in ship shape for that occasion.

The sole aim of Japan, asserts Arthur M. Knapp, in the Atlantic, is to secure the future safety and to enhance the prosperity of its own Island Realm, and of its eminently peace-loving inhabitants. Foreign conquests, or acquisitions of territory, form no part of its dreams. Its intense patriotism, because a veritable religion, is centred upon and bounded by its own beautiful land, and it cares for no other. Its tremendous struggle to secure its safety now over, it is seeking by every possible means its development on industrial and commercial lines through the lawful channels of trade. Whatever may have been the momentary stimulus given to the military spirit of the people by their two great wars, that spirit is alien, not only to their history, to their habits of life, and to their ingrained love of seclusion, but more than all to their passion for industry and for the peace by which it can alone be fostered. When, conjoined with this, the position of their country, enthroned upon the seas, with the same mighty stimulus to commercial life which has brought Britain its. enduring fame, is taken into account, the underlying ambition of the Japanese becomes plainly manifest.

PENNSYLVANIA

Interesting Items from All Sections of the Keystone State.

OIL LEASERS BUSY IN INGOMAR FIELD

Another 100-Barrel Well-Allegheny County Active in Development Work.

Oil operators are busily engaged in leasing property in the Ingomar district in Allegheny county, near Bellevue, this territory yielding more than the ordinary run of light pumpers. Al-ready there is more work under way and starting there than in any other section of Southwestern Pennsylvania. Harbison & Company have just drilled their No. 5 on the Jesse Neely farm into the 100-foot sand, and it is producing 100 barrels a day. Cameron & Company have a well on the Neely farm that has been producing 100 bar-

rels a day for several weeks. Laughner & Company completed a test on the W. McElhaney farm, southwest of the old Gringo pool in Beaver county and have a light gas-

BOYS CONFESS THEFTS

Three Washington Lads Say They Stole a Horse.

Washington-In court, Excell Ross aged 12; Albert Jones, aged 10; and Max Brockman, aged 10, confessed to several thefts. They were caught last week in the alleged robbery of Dr. H. L. Clark's poultry house. They said that they made considerable money in this way.

They said they once stole a horse from a field near town and took it to Wheeling where they sold it for a small amount of money and a rifle. When arrested the boys gave fictitious names. They were placed in the detention room of the juvenile

MINE TIPPLE BURNS

Avonmore Company Plant Near Erie Damaged \$5,000.

Erie-The tipple of the Avonmore Coal and Coke Company here was de-stroyed by fire early in the morning. It is alleged incendiaries started the fire. The loss is \$5,000. A strike has been on at the mine but other men

were taking the places of strikers.

A report to the police says several strikers went to the tipple, forced the watchman away and set it on fire. An alarm was sounded and miners nearby responded but the tipple could not be

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Greensburg—Coroner H. A. McMurray's jury, investigating the death of Paul Renomeno, killed in a riot Sunday evening, returned a verdict finding that Renomeno was killed by a gunshot wound in the abdomen, at the hands of deputies at the mines, and recommended the following deputies to be held to await action of the grand jury: Thompson, McWhorter, McCloskey, Deere, Crogan, Fee, Fuller, Brown, Zimmerman, Truxal, Howard, Reece, Marshall, McClure, Hargan, Murray, Samuels, Daniels, Elliott, Pratt, Broady, Korher and Campbell. At the Westmoreland hospital here it was stated that Henry Siser, 18 years was stated that Henry Siser, 18 years not acted upon. who was shot in the abdomen in

Prohibitionists Name Ticket. Washington-The Prohibitionists of the county met here and named the following ticket: Congress, Twenty-fourth district, Captain M. F. Marquis, New Castle; State Senator, J. B. Smith, California; Assembly, B. C. Stout, East Finley township; G. S. Campbell, McDonald; O. M. McConnell, Hanover township. County of ficers were elected as follows: County Chairman, D. C. McGrew; Secretary, Louis Van Ordan; Treasurer, F.

Gas Plant Is Destroyed by Fire.

Kittanning-Fire shortly after midnight completely destroyed the big pumping station of the Philadelphia Gas Company on the Banks farm near Ford City. The fire was caused by a defective fitting, causing a leakage of the gas and an explosion when the gas reached the boilers. Two engines of 800 horse power each and seven boilers with a capacity of 250 horse power each were destroyed and the buildings they occupied were also ruined. Loss will amount to several thousand dollars.

Pittsburg Councilmen Guilty.

Pittsburg-Councilman A. V. Simon was found guilty on two indictments of bribery after the jury had been out twenty-two hours. A pre-

After being out almost forty-nine hours the jury considering the case fuses to grant a reopening of the case of Councilman T. J. Moran was discharged, being unable to agree on a

Falls from High School Dome. Somerset-While tearing down the flag of the junior class which had been placed above the dome of the High school building, and replacing it with the flag of the class of 1910, Dana M. Fogg, a member of the graduating class, fell 40 feet, sustaining serious injuries. He was to have delivered an oration at the commencement

TO INVESTIGATE STATE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE

Attorney General Todd Says Statutes

Give Authority for Action. Harrisburg—The state board of pub-lic grounds and buildings has decided to employ a competent architect to make a thorough examination of the work of construction on the State Hospital for the Insane near Allentown. Attorney General M. Hampton Todd gave an opinion to the board that it had authority to make an inquiry, citing the statutes giving the board cer-tain powers and explaining them.

At the conclusion of the meeting

the following statement was issued: "In view of the opinion of the at-torney general that the board has authority to employ an architect, the board of public grounds and buildings will appoint, at the earliest possible moment, a competent architect to make a thorough examination of the progress and condition of the work at the state hospital of the treatment of the insane under Homeopathic man-agement at Rittersville, Pa., including therein whether or not the plans and specifications have been faithfully carried out and complied with."

BIG APPLE CROP EXPECTED Yield Should Be Immense in Pennsylvania This Year.

Harrisburg—Unless cold weather comes Pennsylvania will have a banner apple crop this year. All reports made to the department of agriculture and division of economic zoology indicate that the prospects are excellent, and, coupled with good early conditions, there is a general effort to join in a campaign of extermination of the coddling moth, the railroad moth and the wolly aphis, which are especially enemies of the apple,

State Zoologist H. A. Surface says that his reports show that, except in portions of the Schuylkill and Lebanon valleys, the apple crop indications are fine and the damage done in those ocalities is not heavy. The apple crop last year was good, and, as many trees have commenced to bear, the yield for 1910 should be immense.

P. R. R. GRANTS INCREASE

Telegraphers Get Concessions on Lines

East of Pittsburg.
Philadelphia — Several important concessions have been secured by the 5,000 telegraphers on the Pennsylvania railroad system east of Pittsburg following a meeting of the general com-mittee of the operators and General Manager Myers.

Among the concessions granted were these: In addition to the general 6 per cent increase in wages recently declared by the company, supplementary increases in proportion with the amount of work performed; adjustment of rights of employes; extension of the pass privilege; an agreement that when vacancies are advertised any employe may bid for them.

A few other requests made were

Deputy is Fined.
Greensburg—In the criminal courts here W. H. McKenzie, a deputy sheriff who had been stationed at the mines near Westmoreland City, pleaded guilty to assault upon a striker and was heavily fined, friends having to pay the costs.
M. C. Smith, another deputy sheriff,

had entered suit against Paola Valen tine, a miner, for aggravated assault and battery. The jury acquitted the deputy but placed the costs on him. Judge Doty gave the sheriff's officer a severe scoring for the activity he was shown by the evidence to have taken against the strikers.

Pushing the Shawmut.

New York bankers are offering pri-ately the unsold portion of the \$3,000,000 first mortgage bonds recent ly issued by the Pittsburg & Shawmut the proceeds of which are to be used in pushing the extension of the line from Knoxdale to Freeport and which work it is hoped and expected will be completed before snow flies again. The portion already built and now in operation extends from the southern terminus of the Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern at Brockwayville to Knoxdale, 37 miles, while the extension now under construction will be 65 miles in length. The total authorized issue of bonds for the purpose is \$12,000,000.

Brewery Refused License.
Washington—A decision handed vious jury was unable to reach an down by Judge Richard H. Holt, on agreement. the application of the Waynesburg Brewing Company for a license, reery wishes to take it before a higher court. When a license was refused the management of the brewery was

> Machinists Refuse Offer, Bethlehem-The South Bethlehem the Bethlehem Steel Company's offer of an increase of two cents an hour in wages to the machinists still on strike. The proposition was rejected because it did not include other employes still out.

WHY SHE CRIED.

Miss Muriel Million was sitting alone, With a very disconsolate air; Her fluffy blue tea gown was fastened

And frowsy and rumpled her hair.
"Oh, what is the matter?" I said in alarm,
"I beg you in me to confide;"
But she buried her face in her kerchief of

lace And she cried, and she cried, and she

"Come out for a spin in the new motor-

car,
The motor-boat waits at the pier;
Or let's take a drive in the sunshiny park
Or a canter on horseback, my dear."
'Twas thus that I coaxed her in lover-like

tones
As I tenderly knelt at her side;
But, refusing all comfort, she pushed me away, While she cried, and she cried, and she

"Pray, whisper, my darling, this terrible

woe; You know I would love you the same If the millions of papa had vanished in smoke
And you hadn't a cent to your name.
If you came to the church in a garment of

rags
I would wed you with rapturous pride."
She nestled her cheek to my shoulder at

this,
Though she cried, and she cried, and she cried.

"You know," she exclaimed, in a piteous

"You know," she exclaimed, in a piteous wail,

"That love of a hat that I wore—
The one with pink roses and chiffon behind
And a fluffy pink feather before!—
I paid Madame Modiste a fiver for that,
And our parlor maid, Flora McBride,
Has got one just like it forfifteen-and-six!"
And she cried, and she cried, and she cried.

-Tit-Bits.



This is paradoxical." "What is?" "Why, the closer a man is the harder it is to touch him."—Houston Post.

"Post committed suicide because he was overworked." "Pooh! He couldn't have been so very busy or he wouldn't have found time to do it in."-Life.

Doctor-"See here! Didn't I tell you not to dare venture out of the door for another month?" Patient— "It is all right, doc. I climbed out of the window."-Judge.

I've never seen a purple cow,
Or any of its ilk,
But I can tell you, anyhow,
I've seen that kind of milk.
—Philadelphia Record.

The Male—"Heavens! That's the third person we've hit." The Female -"Control yourself, Richard. Do you want every one to know you're not accustomed to motoring?"-Puck.

"Why," said the man, "you wouldn't vote if you had the chance." "That has nothing to do with the question," replied the weman. "What I want is the chance."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"How's your birthday party coming on, Tommie?" "Finely. I've asked all the boys and girls and they've all promised to come. All I've got to do now is to ask mamma if I can have it."-Life.

He loved her before marriage;
His love is greater since.
It has to be
Because, you see,
She's harder to convince.

He-"Would you please, madam, have the kindness to remove your hat? I have paid three dollars for my seat in order to see." She-"And I have paid forty dollars for my hat in order to have it seen."-Judge.

"My publishers inform me that they have already sold more than 300,000 copies of my new novel." "Isn't it discouraging?" "Discouraging? What do you mean?" "That there are so many silly people with money to spend."-Chicago Record-Herald.

"We don't use wine as a beverage, you know, Mrs. McGarvey," said Mrs. Lapsling; "but it's good to have a little of it in the house for medicinal purposes. You know how grateful I am for the bottle you sent over the other day. To thank you in words would be merely a work of superirrigation."-Chicago Tribune.

The Inquisitive Juror.

"In a certain county of Arkansas a man named Walters was put on trial for stealing a watch," said Frank J. Jenkins, of Little Rock, at the Riggs.

'The evidence had been conflicting, and as the jury retired the judge remarked, suavely, that if he could afford any assistance in the way of smoothing out possible difficulties he should be most happy to do so.

"Eleven of the jurors had filed out of the box, but the twelfth remained, and there was on his countenance an expression indicating great perplexity.

"'Is there any question you would like to ask me before you retire?' his Honor asked, observing the juror's hesitancy.

"The man's face brightened: 'Yes your Honor,' he replied, eagerly. 'I'd like to know, your Honor, whether the prisoner really stole the watch.' -Washington Post.

India's revenue from the opium Cuba, resulted in the jury bringing in trade last year amounted to about a verdict for \$112,901.21 in favor of the government.

IN MEMORY OF GUSSIE IRWIN.

Died April 21, 1910.

A rosebud from our class has gone. Gone to Heaven where she will bloom, Casting her sweet fragrance at Jesus' feet,

There to bask in the Heavenly sunlight,

Where she will be forever beautiful and bright.

We now look upon her vacant chair, We hear from those about us everywhere,

"Oh classmate, you have left my side Your shining face that once made joy Now shines before Christ your King."

Yes you have left us Gussie dear. We strive to think that the Lord

knows best. Yes, he knows what our hearts can bear.

All will be right when we get up there

And we clasp hands with them in Heaven there.

Farewell, and yet not farewell, class-

Where I am ye may also dwell with the King,

And as I pass on within the gates ajar

Angels are sweetly singing "I belong to the King,"

He has called me to his Palace above."

Parents and classmates, do not think

me dead, You may not see my beaming eyes and golden hair,

You may not care to look upon the vacant chair,

For they are idols of hearts and of households

And they never, no never, grow old.

You may miss me in morn and evening,

My song on the street and in the home.

Those little white arms that encircled Father and Mother, and the smiles of

the home Shedding sunshine as they bid me Good-night.

Be not disheartened, classmates, Though weary the days may seem, Strength will come with the toiling. When the days long course is run You will hear the words "Well done."

Be not disheartened, brothers, Though you lose your precious things, For our loss is sometimes gain. Wait for the Lord's good hour, When he'll make his meaning plain.

Grieve not for me, dear sisters, Though the home may be bare and silent.

But Heaven is just before, sisters, And your path leads up to the Portals. Look up and never doubt Him: His will be done.

Mourn not for me, dear father, For every step of the narrow road Is under the eye of the Father Who measures the weight of your

Jesus your Savior will Pilot you home.

Weep not for me, dear mother. In your dark and lonesome days, When the dearest, noblest and truest From your arms have been caught

You will some day hear Him call, and cry with joy, "I come."

-By her Sunday School Teacher, H. W. Rabert.

\$500 POSTAGE STAMP

Has Profile of Edward VII and Is Most Valuable.

Washington, D. C.—A postage stamp with a philatelic value of \$500 was received by Postmaster General Hitch cock from the International Posta! Union headquarters at Berne, Switzer land. The stamp bears the profile of the late King Edward VII. It was is sued for the Straits Settlement and has the highest face value of any postage stamp ever issued. It is beautifully printed in two colors, light orange and lilac.

The stamp has been turned over to Stanley Islack, curator of the postal museum, to be placed on exhibition.

Big Verdict Against Neely. New York—The second trial of the civil suit brought by the United States government against Charles F. W. Neely, in charge of the bureau of fi-nance in the department of posts during the American military occupany of