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Light—The Free Pipe Bill—Not the kind of Legislation the Commonwealth Needs.

Long ago people used pine knots for light. After they accumulated more of this world's goods, they used the lard of hogs and the tallow of cattle for light.

Post-Office Banks or Depositories.

There is a bill in Congress that proposes to create in the Post-Office Department a new feature, to connect a Banking department with the Post-Office department, for the safe deposit of money that people may desire to put out on call loans.

In order to give complete and direct security to all depositors, the credit of the United States is pledged for the repayment to the depositor or to his legal representative of every sum of money deposited.

The aggregate amount of principal and interest to the credit of any depositor shall not exceed \$1,500; and money due to a depositor, whether remaining on deposit in said depository or invested in bonds, for which the bill makes provision, shall not at any time, while in the custody of the United States, be liable to taxation under any State or municipal authority.

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There is a financial bill in the U. S. Senate, in which provision is made for the payment of all debts, one-half in gold and one-half in silver.

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Pennsylvania Legislature. SENATE. TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1878. The following bills were reported favorably:

Relative to insurance companies doing business in this State, requiring and regulating publication of annual statements of their business and condition.

Increasing the pensions of soldiers of the war of 1812 and their widows to \$96.

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FOREIGN.

John Bull is roaring again. Business is very dull in London. Russia is in no hurry to make peace.

Russia prefers the friendship of Austria to that of England. Five million pounds (\$25,000,000) is the sum asked for by the British Cabinet for naval and military supplies.

The English government has decided to send another regiment to South Africa in consequence of the unsatisfactory state of affairs there.

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MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.

GRAND OPENING! IN THE CRYSTAL PALACE BUILDING, BRIDGE STREET, MIFFLINTOWN, PA.

Dry Goods, Groceries, READY-MADE CLOTHING, Hats, Caps, Shoes, Queensware, Glassware, Tinware, Spices, Notions, Soaps, Salt, &c.

D. W. HARLEY'S THE BEST AND THE CHEAPEST MENS' YOUTHS' & BOYS' CLOTHING

SAM'L STRAYER Has just returned from the Eastern cities with a full variety of MEN & BOYS' CLOTHING, HATS & CAPS, BOOTS & SHOES, ALL SIZES.

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DAVID D. STONE, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, MIFFLINTOWN, PA.

B. F. BURCHFIELD, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, MIFFLINTOWN, PA.

THOMAS A. ELDER, M. D. Physician and Surgeon, MIFFLINTOWN, PA.

J. M. BRAZEE, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Academia, Juniata Co., Pa.

MEAT! MEAT! The undersigned has commenced the Butchering business in the borough of Mifflintown.

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