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YOUNG—February 21, 1897, Josephus, youngest child of John and Sarah Young of Oakland twp., aged 3 years.

CHRISTY—Feb. 18, 1897, infant son of Thomas and Susan Christy of Washington twp.

McLAUGHLIN—At his home in Fairview twp., Feb. 27, 1897, Daniel McLaughlin, aged 69 years.

CAMPBELL—At his home in Renfrew, Feb. 27, 1897, James P. Campbell, aged 67 years.

GILL—At his home in Brady twp., Feb. 21, 1897, William Gill, aged 67 years.

TIMBLIN—At his home in Butler twp., Feb. 27, 1897, John Timblin, aged 59 years, 6 months and 17 days. He leaves a wife and nine children to mourn his loss.

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An honest tariff.

A foreign policy consistent and vigorous, compelling respect abroad and inspiring confidence at home.

The revitalization of general business prosperity.

HARRISBURG NOTES.

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