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Starts Jan. 23, at 9 o'clock in the Morning.

Every heavy garment in our store must be sold, This is the store that is a little regardless of cost. This is the store that is a little over one year old and has made a wonderful record for We have but two sales a year-one at this time, and the other in August—and when we say sale we mean an honest sacrifice of wearing apparel for men and boys. We do not have much room in this small space to tell you about this wonderful sale, but

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1	Men's hoe lace shoes, tipped, latest style.  Little gent's fine lace shoes, tipped, latest style.  1 lot Men's \$4 fine patent leather, vici and box calf shoes.  2 den's heavy sole and tap working shoes.	
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#### REGISTER'S NOTICES.

1 Third partial account of Joseph Geibel, acting executor of Charles Geibel, Sr., dedeased, late of Butler borough
2 Final account of Charles Szebaiskie, additional actions of Wilhelmina Szebaiskie, dedicated and szebaiskie, dedicated actions of Wilhelmina Szebaiskie, dedicated actions of the Szebaiskie, dedicated utor of Charles Szebalskie, deceased, late Clinton township, if Final and distribution account of Eimer Sutton, administrator of James Sutton, ceased, late of Evans City.

5 Final account of Catherine O'Donnell, eccurity of Joseph O'Donnell, deceased, let of Dongal township.

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25 Final account of H R Reed d b n. c t a of William Crocker, decessed, late of Centerville borough.

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27 Final account of Albert B McCandless, administrator of Elizabeth J McCandless, decessed, late of Butler twp.

28 Final account of Edward F Harley, ad-

# ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORTS.

proposed bridge. Now, December to proposed bridge. Now, December to proved. Notice to be given according to ales of Court, and to be laid before the rand Ju, y at next term.

By the Court.

R. D. No. 7, December Term, 1903. In the matter of the petition of citizens of Washington township for a county bridge over south branch of Slipperyrock creek, where south branch of Slipperyrock creek, where said creek crosses the public road leading from Hilliards to West Sunbury. September 7, 1903, viewers appointed, who on December 3, 1903 filed their reports in favor of proposed bridge. Now, December 12, 1903, approved. Notice to be given according to rules of Court, and to be laid before the Grand Jury at next term.

By THE COURT.

the Grand Jury at next term.

By THE COURT.

R. D. No. 9, December Term, 1993. In the matter of the petition of citizens of Butler township for a public road from a point on the Harmony road at or near the residence of William Wachmuth, to a point on the public road known as the Butler and Gilleland Mills road, near a point where the private road leading to the residence of John Manthy, Intersects last named road. November 10, 1903, filed there report in favor of said road; no damages assessed. Mow, December 12, 1903, approved, and hx width of road at 31 feet. Notice to be given according to rules of Court.

By THE COURT.

WIDOWS' APPRAISEMENTS.

of the Orphans' Court of Butler County, vi
Widow of John Reed, per. prop'ty \$\frac{3}{2}\$ Widow of John Reed, per. prop'ty \$\frac{3}{2}\$ Widow of John B. Boyer, per prop'ty \$\frac{3}{2}\$ Widow of John B. Boyer, per prop'ty \$\frac{3}{2}\$ Widow of John T. Wick, per. per prop'ty \$\frac{3}{2}\$ Widow of John T. Wick, per. prop'ty \$\frac{3}{2}\$ Widow of John T. Wick, per. prop'ty \$\frac{3}{2}\$ Widow of Levi Lefever, per. prop'ty \$\frac{3}{2}\$ Widow of Harvey D. Byerly, per prop'y \$\frac{3}{2}\$ Widow of Harvey D. Byerly, per prop'y \$\frac{3}{2}\$ Widow of Philo E. Morse, per prop'ty \$\frac{3}{2}\$ Widow of John Post, per prop'ty \$\frac{3}{2}\$ Widow of John Post, per prop'ty \$\frac{3}{2}\$ Widow of John Post, per prop'ty \$\frac{3}{2}\$ Widow of Leonard [i. Pleifer, per prop'ty \$\frac{3}{2}\$ Widow of John Summey, per prop'ty \$\frac{3}{2}\$ Widow of John Summey, per prop'ty \$\frac{3}{2}\$ Widow of Benjamin F. Widow per prop \$\frac{3}{2}\$ & Widow of Benjamin F. Widow per prop \$\frac{3}{2}\$ & Widow of Wigh M. J. Market, per pand real prop Widow of Wigh A. Black per pand real prop All persons interested in the above \$\frac{3}{2}\$.

GEORGE M. GRAHAM, Clerk. erks Office. February 10, 1904.

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s our occupation. We put our ntire time to studying the best and latest methods of doing our dropped his chin on his hands and appeared to be thinking. The girl hand put the warrant back into his hands, and put the warrant back into his hands. ne I am sure you will be well leased if you have it done at

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Opp Court House.

# By JOHN SEATON BLAIR

ear he had dwelt there alone and had only come into town once a fortnight for provisions. He was called doctor, paper in his hand through tears in his because he was a doctor, though not eyes. He had not taken a hundred the to say just how his title came to be known. His next neighbor was a mile away, and travelers who stopped at his house for a drink of water or to quire the way were treated with There was considerale gossip about the stranger, and many shook their heads and whisper rn up in search of him some fine day, inst him, he was put down as a re-

ed to let the townspeople get sight of her, but it had needed only a glance to show that she was good looking and thout twenty years of are. Here il with one exception. That exception fore and who was being talked of as a candidate for the legislature. He had all. He made it his business while to call at the Davy cabin, and he was he first and about the only one to see and to be hospitably received by the

pointed. The doctor was free to talk, but not about himself nor his past. He was made welcome by the daughter,

recident," but after that he was a weekly visitor from choice and invitaacknowledge to himself that he was in ove and to hope that his feelings were reciprocated. He was feeding up his courage to speak his mind when something happened to make him turn pale and set his heart to thumping. As sheriff, he received an official document manded to arrest one Dr. James Bird of Davy in the warrant, but the per was living out on the prairie with his daughter. His offense had been com-mitted many years before, but the complainant had kept the warrant alive and followed the embezzler's trail like a bloodhound. The demand was that he be arrested and securely held until extradition papers could be secured. and as even the locality in which he was in hiding was pointed out the sheriff realized that he must do his sury if it broke a woman's heart. An hour after receiving the letter he All the way out there he was hoping that the doctor might have been given a hint and fled or, if he had not, then that he might have indisputable evi-dences of his innocence at hand. His face betrayed his perturbation of mind to the girl the instant he dismounted at the door. She was alone, and as she stood forth in the June sunshine and looked up at him she quietly said: "Mr. Taylor, I know your errand here. You have come to arrest my father on the old charge." "They-they have sent on this warrant?" stammered Joe, as he handed it to her to read. "But I'm hoping that pur father is far away by this time."

Jos nodded bis head as he looked Way over the prairie.
"But it is false. It was a partnership business, and the other man was seeking to cheat father and fell into

"But father even restored the money after awhile, all but a paltry sum. He would also have restored that, unjust as it was, but he has been bounded and driven till be has become desperate and determined. Is that wretch to follow him to his grave?" Joe sat down on the ground and

and there was a sob in her throat as she turned and entered the house. It was a quarter of an hour before she reappeared. Joe looked up into her face with eyes felling of sympathy and nove, and a blush came to her check

ostentation, taken up a claim four up and put his arms around her and kissed her for the first time.

"Then you will arrest him?"

se and left undisturbed. t was a year or more after Dr. Da-'s appearance that he came to town evening to meet a young woman stepped off the train from the st. The family resemblance was so arked that it was agreed by all that newcomer was his daughter. She as hurried away as if the father fearout twenty years of age. Her com-er revived the gossip, but as she was crevived the gossip, but as she was for some days to come." ng revived the gossip, but as she was not seen in town during the next three ths she was in time forgotten by young Joe Taylor, who had been ande sheriff of the county a year benly to accept a nomination to be electiting the country for horse thieves

If he had any curiosity to gratify as



but he could not question her as a In time he was quite ready to on his way to the coctor's place,

Lie is down at the lake fishing. We had hoped that this matter was dead it last, but it seems that the man res a malicious revenge. It says

as a quarter of a continuous and a quarter of accounts as a quarter of accounts and a plush came to her cheek she asked:

"Well, what are you going to do the continuous accounts are accounts as a quarter of accounts and a continuous accounts accounts and a continuous accounts and a continuous accounts accounts and a continuous accounts accounts and a continuous accounts accounts accounts accounts and a continuous accounts accounts accounts accounts and a continuous accounts accoun

#### I've got to do my sworn duty. I mus do it or stand impeached. Girl, you "Joe," she interrupted, calling him

by that name for the first time, "a girl knows when she is loved." "Yes, she ought to, and you ought to

know that I love you."
"I do, Joe, and I love you in return, and you will break my heart if you drag my old father to jail. Say that you won't do it-that you will leave the warrant unserved."
"Duty, girl," he whispered as he ros

He kissed her again and turned away toward the lake, looking at the

the sudden report, but it was secured by the girl. "How did it come about?" asked the doctor, who had hurried home at the report of the rifle and found his daughter standing over a wounded and un-

"He-he started to the lake to find you, and a gun went off!" replied the girl between her sobs. "And-and did he have any legal

paper with him?" queried the father in "If he had, it has been burned. Tell me, father, is he fatally wounded?" "No. The bullet plowed along his scalp, and he will be all right in a

week. I will load up the wagon, and we must move on and find another "But the man-Mr. Taylor-Joe?" "We shall take him with us. He

It was two weeks later when the sheriff opened his eyes and saw Mollie Davy seated near his bedside. The old claim had been left a hundred miles behind and the abandoned cabin of a settler had been taken possession of. Joe Taylor had been nursed and tended through fever as the wagon rolled

"Mollie, I take it that it was betwixt dad and me?" he said as she saw that he had come back to earth again. "It was, Joe," she replied. "But,

"But now it's betwixt you and me, and as soon as I can shake myself together I'll fix things so that you won't have to do any more moving. Thanks dear, that you shot a little too high!"

Mushrooms, even cellar grown one which are everywhere to be had in large quantities, however good and genuine they may be, may develop a violent poison a few hours after they are picked. They are generally safer, wever, than the wild mushrooms. The latter, though the genuine article, will sometimes absorb poison from the spawn of dangerous fungi which lie in the ground they grow in and be as deadly as any toadstool; in fact, a great many of the deaths reported ev-ery year as caused by toadstools mis-taken for mushrooms are caused by the true mushroom which has absorbbatch of mushrooms may be excellent and others not fifty yards away per-fectly poisonous. Yet there will be no difference in appearance, and both will peel and show all the marks of the genuine article. There is one test reject them; also if they show a yel-low tint round the edges throw them

Away.-London Standard. It has been said by a writer of nature ooks that a coon will amputate its wounded foot and treat the stump in a rational way to allay the inflammation. If one coan will do this, then all coons will do it under like conditions. The same writer avers that he has seen a woodcock with a broken leg mend the leg with a cast made of clay and dry grass. Then will all woodcocks with broken legs do the same thing. Exceptional lateritisence of so extraordinar, a character does not occur among the animals. If one fox has been known to eatch crabs with his tail, then will all other foxes, under the stress of hunger, where crabs abound, fish with their An animal will not do anything which necessity has not taught its pregenitors to do.-John Burroughs in

For Their Stomachs' Sake. Sunday school treats must come round oftener in England than in the United States, for the dean of Bristol has in-eluded in his book, "Odds and Ends," nany stories of the hold of such festivities on the juvenile heart and stom-

an instant over a plate of cakes before he took one. "Thanks," he said, after his momentary hesitation, "I'm sure I

can manage it if I stand up." Another boy, still smaller, who had stuffed systematically, at last turned to his mether and sighed: "Carry me home, mother; but, oh, don't bend me!" The average boy in Yorkshire knows why he attends these feasts and does not relish being furnished forth scan-tily. A solicitous curate approached one who was glowering mysteriously. "Have "No," said the boy, in an aggrieved tone, laying his hand on his diaphragm.

"It don't hurt me yet." THE MODERN NOTE,

It Is Not Sentiment, but Bravery With a Dash of Humor. According to the modern notion, man should be something of an artist in life. He should at least appear to play his part easily, with dash and gusto, like the acrobat who performs each dangerous feat smiling. This is la panache, the feather in the cap of courage-bravery with humor added. It is the spirit in which Lungtungpen was taken, in which Cyrano composed his ballade while he fought a duel, for Cyrano and Alan Breck, no less than

Mulvaney and Sherlock Holmes, are very modern heroes. Stevenson's whole life was one long dimly lighted car. devotion to this ideal. He carried his ill health and penury bravely and wit-tily into far corners of the earth matter of lanterns. Some of them were through many strange adventures. As be wrote to William Archer: "The of the glass globe was colored blue, and medicine bottles on my chimney and the name of the owner was cut in old the blood on my handkerchief are acci-

The melodramatic gloom of Byron. the lachrymose pathos of Dickens and the shallow sentinentality of Thackeray touch the source of our tears less unique, and the prices ranged from \$25 surely than the sheer gay heartedness to ten times that figure. The glass and and courage in the face of disease, dif-

## The state of the s FARM GARDEN

A WAGON BED.

Some of his neighbors built a wagon for carrying sheep and hogs which proved so convenient that a correspond ent gives its dimensions and plan in New Englastl Homestead: The frame

for the bed is 14 feet long and 3 feet 8

inches wide. The sidepieces are of



6 by 2 inch, allowing an inch difference for tongue and groove flooring. There should be four crosspieces to secure the bottom of the bed. Take an old buggy tire and have straps made with a hole in each end. Five of these should be bolted on each side and two on each end, as shown in cut. Stand-

still so firmly established and frequent made of 11/2 by 2 inch stuff 40 inches For slats get poplar four inches wide by three-quarters inch thick. Bolt these to the standards four inches apart. The top railing is made extra strong by putting on an extra strip which has a quarter inch groove. A tenon should be cut in the top of each upright to fit into this. The corners at the top should be fixed with ordinary strap door fasten-lngs bent around the corner, fastened at one end and with a staple over which to slip the other. These can be held in place by small wooden wedges to fit the staple. By means of this strap fastener at the corner the sides and ends can be quickly unfastened and taken off, and the bottom can then be removed with ease. The wagon will I have a good bed for holding fodder, tobacco and other things. Aside from

ome Things They Are Accomplishing—The Independent Institute. The demand for farmers' institutes willing to pay all expenses in case the state is unable to grant their requests, says Alva Agee in National Stockman. In the first week of January I attended two such meetings in Indiana while on my way to Minnesota. The first one was at Carthage, and it has not been

which is generally safe—put a silver spoon among the mushrooms when they are frying, and if it turns black studied and developed this grain. They are after an ear of corn that is so formed that it contains a high percentage of grain that is rich in protein, high in vitality and very prolific. That means deep, wedge shaped, thick grains, with oig germs, all placed on a cob that holds its thickness to the tip and that is covered with grain to the very tip. There are states farther east whose corn growers would be pleased and profited by the information Mr. McMa-

nan has about our great American cepreeder of Shorthorn cattle whose rep-station extends over many states. She has been successful because she has ability and a love for her work. From ner example we do not infer that women should or should not turn to farm management for a livelihood. All de-pends upon the individual. We do learn, however, that if an individual has ability and natural inclination that

person may win in practical farming, whether man or woman.

The other independent institute was at Pittsboro, Ind., in the corn belt, where bogs have been adding to the vealth of the people. Many ladies atended the meeting, and the institute committee arranged early in the season to secure Mrs. J. W. Bates, one of the well known Indiana workers, to ilscuss topics of special interest to ousekeepers. The interest of the people in all subjects on the programme

speakers to do their best work.

A consignment of 400 tons of me eef, the first shipment of an order for 2,000 tons to go to the Russian army in Manchuria, has left San Francisco. In addition to this an order has been placed for 4,000,000 pounds of Ameri can flour. The latter is to be shipped who was glowering mysteriously."Have you had a good tea?" the curate asked. In a talk before the Minnesota state "No," said the boy, in an aggrieved agricultural convention at Minneapolis President J. J. Hill of the Great Northern railroad dwelt upon the importance of American farmers holding the ori ental trade already built up. The rall-roads are doing their part, he declared, by making equitable rates westward. Flour can be shipped 30 cents cheaper from the northwest to the Pacific than New York.—Exchange.

The Fancy Lamps That Passenger Conductors Used to Carry. Modern railroading has driven the passenger conductor's lantern almost out of use. Years ago the pride of Then the cars were not so brilliantly illuminated as they are now, and the ticket taker was obliged to carry his light on his left arm in order to see the pasteboards as he passed through the

At one time the conductors indulged in considerable extravagance in the dents. They do not exist in my pros- Conductors' association manufacturers would arrange a great display of costly lights at one of the hotels in the city in which the meeting would be held. Some of the conceits in the lights were plating were kept in a highly polished state, and none dared to meddle with

### THE SALE OF WIVES

ANCIENT CUSTOM THAT STILL

vails in some parts of England. For precedents of this commercial form of divorce some journalists have searched the records of a century ago and produced numerous instances of wives being led to the cattle market bidder. But it is not necessary to go back anything like a bundred years for such sales of wives. There are the assertion that wife selling is still a British custom. There are hundreds of a wife to another man for a cash payment is a legal transaction and a valid a popular error it ranks with the idea that if husband and wife be absent other is free to marry again. In York-shire generally, and in Sheffield in par-ticular, this doctrine of wife selling is

ly practiced that it has little less than the force of a local law. drunken bouts sell their wives for a quart of ale are well known. But nowconducted offhand. They are invested with formality, as witness this docu-Sheffield county court in 1887: "At the Royal Oak, Sheffield, I, Abraham Boothroyd, agree to sell my wife, Clara, shillings." In another case the bar-gaining was accidentally overheard in A collier's wife had transferred her affections to another man, and the hus-band was willing to renounce his claim for suitable compensation. So the par-ties assembled in a public house to arrange matters. There were the hus-band, with a friend; his wife, with her father and mother, and the prospective purchaser, with a friend. The husband demanded £3 for his wife. She herself demanded £3 for his wife. She herself said it was too much, and her new man said he wouldn't give more than a sovereign. Finally 30 shillings was the sum agreed upon. It was paid over and this document drawn up, signed and witnessed: "Mr. Taylor to have my wife, Elizabeth Smith, free from me forever, to do as she has a mind, this day, Dec. 11, 1893."

These are merely two recent cases which have come to light. The majority of such sales of wives never attain

was at Carthage, and it has not been my privilege to be present at a more enthusiastic meeting anywhere this season. There is a sufficient number of the Friends at Carthage to remind one constantly of towns in Chester county, Pa. Evidences of prosperity are on every hand. The last few years have been exceptionally profitable ones in the corn belt, and the farmers are very glad that they are on earth.

At this institute we had Mr. S. F. McMahan and Mrs. Virginia Meredith, two veteran institute instructors of the state. Mr. McMahan probably knows as much about corn as is known, and that means a great deal. It has been a revelation to me to learn how thoroughly these breeders of corn have ity of such sales of wives never attain

ly man told the magistrates that he thought he was entitled to marry again, as he had sold his first wife to a chim-

ney sweep for 18 pence.
In each case it will be noted the pur chase money is small. This is not due to a low valuation of the woman, but a nominal sum is agreed upon to make the bargain an actual one. The legal doctrine of "value received" is so far understood by the vulgar mind. The sale, indeed, is the poor man's divorce. His honesty in this matter is shown by his retention of the children of the by his retention of the children of the marriage and his maintenance of them. In a case at Doncaster in 1896 the purchaser, instead of paying cash, agreed to take over the vender's four children with the wife. This was the document which figured later in the police court:
"New Conisboro, March 28, 1896.—I,
Enoch Childs, is quite willing to take your wife and children as mine—that is, your wife, Ellen Tart, and Sarah, John, Henry and Eliza. Signed, Ellen Tart, Enoch Childs."

Though Lancashire is so kin to York-shire, no sales of wives are known in the County Palatine. But at Alferton, in Derbyshire, a collier sold his wife for fourpence in 1882. In 1873 there was a remarkable case at Belper. wife of an absconding debtor had a halter placed about her neck and was led into the market place on Saturday afternoon and offered for sale by auction as one of her husband's assets. But there were no bidders and no sale. About four years ago Irthlingborough, near Northampton, supplied a se persons to know that he had that aft ernoon "sold and bequeathed" bis wife to John —. He proclaimed the names 2 shillings. Mr. Baring Gould cites similar sales in the west country, and to go back more than thirty years would mean the extension of this subject to intolerable length, for a century ago wife selling was almost com-mon. That it is practiced as frequently as it is will come as a surprise to most readers. In addition to these northern instances, many a wife is sold today in the east end of London but of all such cases over the country only a few are revealed to public

knowledge.-London Globe Ducks and Drakes. A schoolboy in Jewell City, Mo., was assigned to prepare an essay on the subject of "Ducks," and this is what he wrote: "The duck is a low, heavy, set bird, composed mostly of meat and feathers. He is a mighty poor singer, having a hoarse voice caused by getting so many frogs in his neck. He likes the water and carries a toy balloon in his stomach to keep him from sinking. The duck has only two legs, and they are set so far back on his purty near missing his body. Some ducks when they get big have curis on their tails and are called drakes. Drakes don't have to set or hatch, but that leaf are companied and are lift. just loaf, go swimming and eat. If I was to be a fluck, I'd rather be a drake every time."

"I don't understand," said Mrs. Youngmother, "why it is that baby

won't go to sleep. Here I have been sitting and singing to him for the last hour, and yet he keeps crying and seems just as wide awake as ever."
"Well," said her husband thoughtful-

ly, "I don't know, of course, and per-haps I am wrong, but it may be that bake has a musical ear."

# Are now occupying their old location at corner of