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he come out in front of an audience and say them, without grasping at sheets of paper for support! An audience feels that it is actually being addressed when a speaker looks straight at it, says what he thinks and gets off his subject just enough to show that he knows a thing or two aside from his theme.

If a man who is on the program of a meeting, large or small, cannot do all that he had better have his talk printed and distribute the copies. He would thus make it much more effective than by getting up and trying to read it.

When a man comes from a distance to address a meeting and reads what he has to say, one cannot help feeling sometimes that he should have mailed the manuscript for someone else to read, thus saving much time and care.

BLOOD MEN'S STRANGE BUSINESS

The soldiers who spill their blood on fields of battle may be heroes, but New York's professional "blood donors" are the persons who are profiting by the business in cold cash. These donors make their livelihood by selling their blood for transfusion. Their sacrifice is made not on a smoky battlefield but in a hospital operating room; their blood flows not in unchecked streams, but with scientific supervision, and their reward is not vain-glorious death but personal checks signed by the patients into whose veins their warm, life-sustaining fluid is injected.

The blood men have a profitable business and although a strange one there can be no reasonable objections made to it. Since blood-transfusion has become common there are repeatedly demands for blood donors and the willingness of the men who have entered the transfusion business to submit to operations may be the means of saving many lives. Their purposes are of course mercenary, yet that which prompts them to yield their blood does not govern the effectiveness of the fluid.

Friends are often willing to give their blood to save the lives of patients requiring transfusion, but the blood offered in so fine a spirit is not always suitable for the operation. The professional donors are picked men and their blood, yielded not for love or for glory but for greenbacks or checks, will generally accomplish the purposes of the surgeons.

Persons are too often inclined to be shocked at instances when acts of loving consideration are commercialized,—when money is accepted for services which human kindness alone is supposed to perform. Certainly the hired mourners at funerals, of which we have often heard, are worthy of our contempt, but that is because we are led to consider them as frauds.

The intentions of the blood men are honest, though mercenary, and their business cannot be considered other than legitimate. It does not behoove persons to criticize them, at least, who are unable or unwilling to act as their substitutes.

On the last lap Ambler just ambled in.

Think of the wear and tear on the county's books with so much auditing!

A big stick bobbed up from somewhere between 4 p. m. yesterday and the time for the Republican caucus on the House Speakership in the evening.

With song and rejoicing the bulls and bears resumed trading yesterday on the London Stock Exchange. Tears may come later for the shorn lambs.

There is a large "freshman class" in Schoolmaster Brumbaugh's law-making institute on Capitol Hill, and he may have to use the birch rather freely at first.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE PARSON WAS preaching out of town and he went into a barber shop and got a shave. The barber brushed a hat and handed it to the parson, who donned it in an absent-minded way. The parson dined at the home of a pillar at the church that evening, and the guests were all strict church members. When the guests were leaving the host handed them their hats. The host looked inside one hat to see the name and seemed deeply shocked.

"Is this your hat?" asked the host. "Yes," replied the parson. "That is mine." The host handed the hat to the parson, and he glanced at the inside of the band before donning it. And there, pasted in the crown of the hat, was a card bearing this legend: "No, you darned fool. This ain't your hat."—Exchange.

HIS READY RETORT

An Irishman visiting London for the first time noticed hanging on the door bell of a fine mansion a sign, reading: "Please ring the bell."

Pat went up and rang the bell. Immediately a footman appeared and asked him what he wanted. Pat said he rang the bell because the sign said to do so. The footman smiled and exclaimed:

"Oh, I see; you come from the land where nanny goats grow on gooseberry bushes."

Pat, angered, replied: "But in London you see more wonderful sights. You have only to ring a bell and a monkey pops out."—Exchange.

THE LAST WORD

Two Pullman porters, representing different railroads, met off duty and progressed from friendly gossip to heated argument. Their quarrel centered about which one worked for the better road. Their claims, figures and arguments came fast and furious. At last the tall, thin porter settled the dispute with these classic words: "Go on, niggah! We kills mo' people den you fellahs tote."—San Francisco Dispatch.

CREAMPED QUARTERS

An Alaska pioneer was telling how crowded a certain ship was during the gold rush. One day a man came up to the captain and said:

"You will have to get me some place to sleep."

"Where have you been sleeping?"

"Well," the passenger replied, "I have been sleeping on a sick man, but he's getting better now and won't stand for it."—St. James' Gazette.

SOMETIMES THEY SLEEP ON

The only knocker that men do not object to is Opportunity.—Florida Times-Union.

If You are troubled with heartburn, gases and a distressed feeling after eating take a Rexall Dyspepsia Tablet before and after each meal and you will obtain prompt relief. Sold only by us, 25c. George A. Gorgas.

Tongue-End Topics

Legislature Scribes Are Here

The cops of newspaper correspondents here at present to record the doings of the Legislature is as large as ever, and as the session progresses it will be added to, for there is prospect of lively times before the idea of March, as Sam Hudson would say, Sam, by the way will not represent the Philadelphia "Item" this year, that newspaper having gone out of existence. Up to the present the following have registered and will be "in our midst" for the next four months, at least, or until Governor Brumbaugh sees fit to announce that he is through with the Legislature and the legislators may go home. With them will fit the non-resident correspondents. The big city dailies and news associations generally send men here who are well acquainted with public affairs and men in public life in the State and if anything escapes them it must be pretty subtle.

Some of the Correspondents

This year the following active men are on the ground ready for the business of the session: E. J. Hart, Scranton "Times"; Roswell Phillips, Scranton "News"; Saul Rubinow, Scranton "Tribune-Republican"; Edwin M. Giles, Philadelphia "Star"; Lee Ellmaker, Philadelphia "Press"; George J. Brennan, Philadelphia "Inquirer"; Thomas J. Walker, Philadelphia "Public Ledger"; Franklin L. Knight, Philadelphia "Bulletin"; Edward Taylor, Philadelphia "Evening Ledger"; Lee Solomon, Philadelphia "Record"; James H. Lambert, Jr., Philadelphia "Telegraph"; Walter Darlington, Philadelphia "North American"; George M. Holmes, Philadelphia "North American"; John R. Ball, Pittsburgh "Post and Sun"; Joseph N. Mackrell, Pittsburgh "Chronicle-Telegraph"; Walter J. Cristy, Pittsburgh "Gazette-Times"; L. R. Goshorn, Pittsburgh "Dispatch"; A. Boyd Hamilton, Harrisburg "Telegraph" and "Associated Press"; Thomas M. Jones, Harrisburg Star-Independent and "Tri-State Bureau"; Robert R. Free, Harrisburg Star-Independent; Frank Bell, "United Press" and Harrisburg "Telegraph"; Charles G. Miller, Harrisburg "Patriot"; W. G. Newbold, Philadelphia "North American" and general correspondent; William R. Douglas, "Tri-State News Bureau"; and John H. Reiting, "Associated Press."

The Correspondents' Association

The Legislative Newspaper Correspondents' Association, organized in 1895, of which George J. Brennan, of the Philadelphia "Inquirer," is president, will meet shortly for the election of officers, its headquarters having been re-established in two large rooms at the Capitol on the 'entresol floor facing State street. This suite has been occupied for several sessions and will be furnished with everything that the newspaper men use in their work, including typewriters, stationery, lockers, metallic cases for documents, file cases, a Small's handbook and a dictionary. It will be in charge of a competent man whose main duty will be to see that supplies are kept up and the telegraph messenger boys are kept down. The association is a recognized institution, and its members are entitled to the privileges of the reporter's desks in both Senate and House. In the Senate they are shovled back to a shelf away in the rear of the chamber where it is difficult to hear the proceedings, but the House has beautiful desks for each man.

Breese Would Join Local Rotarians

The Harrisburg Rotary Club will now receive an application for membership from a good actor, Edmund Breese, the star in the company which played "Today" in the Majestic theatre on Saturday. Breese is a member of the New York Rotary Club and, moreover, he has the true Rotarian spirit. Hearing that Howard C. Fry, secretary to the Harrisburg Rotary Club, was in the audience, Saturday evening, Breese sent a little note of greeting to him. C. Floyd Hopkins, who has under his wing the three Wilmer-Vincent-Appell theatres, and Mr. Fry, the producer of the Paxtang minstrels, are both full fledged Rotarians.

BROOK-COGLEY WEDDING

Married in Moravian Church at Lancaster. Willow Street, Jan. 5.—Miss Hazel C. Cogley, of near Lancaster, and William A. Brook, of Annapolis, Md., were married yesterday morning in the Moravian church by the Rev. H. A. Gerdson, D. D., in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. The couple were unattended. Walter Bahn presided at the organ. A reception followed at the home of the bride.

Returned From New York

Joseph I. Claster, with H. C. Claster, jeweler, 302 Market street, returned from a social and business trip to New York City this morning. While in New York he was entertained on New Year's day by friends.

Kills Himself in Barn

Mahanoy City, Pa., Jan. 5.—Ruined through endorsing notes, Jacob Weaver, of Lizard Creek, took his life yesterday by hanging himself to a rafter in his barn. Weaver's wife and daughter discovered his body.

PURE RICH BLOOD PREVENTS DISEASE

Bad blood is responsible for more ailments than anything else. It causes catarrh, dyspepsia, rheumatism, weak, tired, languid feelings and worse troubles. Hood's Sarsaparilla has been wonderfully successful in purifying and enriching the blood, removing scrofula and other humors, and building up the whole system. Take it—give it to all the family so as to avoid illness. Get it to-day. Adv.

TAMAQUA BURGESS OUSTED

Court Also Orders Commissioners to Pay Non-Supported Wives. Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 5.—Court yesterday issued an order ousting R. H. Harris as Chief Burgess of Tamaqua. Harris, who is publisher of the "Evening Courier," was appointed Burgess by Court five years ago and was since elected for a full term. His opponents maintained that the office of Burgess could not be held twice in succession and also charged that Harris had furnished the borough with printing from his own office, contrary to law. The vacancy will again be filled by appointment by the Court.

A mandamus was issued by the Court yesterday on the County Commissioners compelling them to pay to prisoners' wives 85 cents per day in non-support cases. It is expected that with this decision the wife of every man in jail for non-support will come on the county for this amount. The Taxpayers' Association took an appeal from the decision, which may hold up the payments until Senator Snyder can get the law changed. The decision will cost this county \$5,000 annually.

This Is a Bad Month

The indoor life of winter, with lack of outdoor exercise, puts a heavy load on the kidneys. Nearly everybody suffers from rheumatism, backache, pain in sides and back, kidney and bladder ailments. A backache may not mean anything serious, but it certainly does not mean anything good. It's better to be on the safe side and take Foley's Kidney Pills to strengthen and invigorate the kidneys and help them do their work. They help rid the blood of acids and poisons. Sold by Geo. A. Gorgas, 16 North Third street and P. R. R. Station.—Adv.

RESCUED IN MIDATLANTIC

Crew of Wrecked Vessel Swam to Sun-drenched Ship

Kirkwall, Scotland, Jan. 5.—Seventeen persons, the crew of the American bark Pilgrim, with the exception of the mess boy, who was drowned, were landed here yesterday by the Norwegian steamship Tholma, having been rescued in mid-Atlantic three weeks ago.

The Pilgrim was bound from Newport News for Buenos Aires, when she encountered heavy weather and was thrown on her beam ends through the shifting of ballast. Her masts were cut away, but this did not avail to right her. The mountainous seas also swept the bark's boats away.

In response to the signals of distress sent up by the Pilgrim, the Tholma, which had left Mobile, Ala., December 6, for Copenhagen, steamed as close as she dared to venture, and the crew of the disabled vessel swam to the Norwegian boat.

WOMEN OF TRAGEDY, DEAD

Honeymoon With Man Who Shot Husband Ended by Death

Los Angeles, Jan. 5.—Telegrams received yesterday reported the death at Nogales, Ariz., of Mrs. Roy L. Glover, who was a principal in a Christmas tragedy here a year ago, in which Daniel DeVilliers, a South African soldier, met death at the hands of Mr. Glover. DeVilliers was the woman's husband and came here from San Antonio to induce her to leave Glover. She refused, and in the ensuing battle DeVilliers was killed.

Glover was arrested and held in jail until a few weeks ago, when he was freed through the efforts of Mrs. DeVilliers, who soon afterward became his wife. They were on a second honeymoon when death came to Mrs. Glover. Her three little children are here.

Before she married DeVilliers, Mrs. Glover had been the wife of Vivian M. Leeds, a wealthy resident of Paterson, N. J.

FLAG FAILS TO SAVE CATTLE

Farmer Loses Infected Stock Despite Unfurling of Old Glory

Lebanon, Pa., Jan. 5.—Standing beneath the folds of an American flag yesterday, Jacob Baum, a Lehigh Valley farmer, was unsuccessful in preventing the destruction of his herd of cattle, which had been infested with foot and mouth disease and condemned by the State Sanitary Live Stock Board.

State constables were on hand to see that Baum did not interfere with the "killing" squad in its work.

If you want a better job than you have do your best on the one you have.

A Real Foe To Health Is a Weak Stomach

From this source arises such ills as Poor Appetite, Nausea, Heartburn, Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Bilio-ness and Constipation. You can conquer and fortify the system against such foes by the timely use of

HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

Be Sure you get the Genuine.

SUBURBAN

MIDDLETOWN

Borough Council Holds Special Session and Reorganizes

Special Correspondence. Middletown, Jan. 5.—The Borough Council met in special session last evening for reorganization. The following were elected: President, Harry Christman; clerk, P. E. Irwin; treasurer, B. E. Longenecker, of the Farmers' bank; supervisor, Harry Fishburn; high constable, Charles House; janitor, George Mansberger; light superintendent, John Boyer; borough solicitor, John R. Geyer. The retiring president is Grant Souder. The second Monday of the month has been fixed as the regular meeting night.

The funeral of the late Aaron Poorman was held from the home of his son, Aaron Poorman, Jr., South Wood street, yesterday afternoon, with services at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Joseph Weirich officiated. The pallbearers were David and George McCann, Aaron and Homer Poorman, D. Snyder and S. Brown. Those present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank and Mr. Shop, Harrisburg; Abram Kope, Deodates, Harry Poorman, Union Deposit; Mary Spidle, Hummelstown; Mrs. Philip Boyer, Swatara Station; Mrs. Samuel Espenshade, Union Deposit; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Snyder, Palmyra. Interment was made in the Middletown cemetery.

Charles G. Campbell, of Lebanon, spent Sunday in town.

Claude Ware, Winfield Sides, J. P. Park and Norman Hartman returned to their studies at State College to-day after spending the past two weeks in town, and Lloyd Lindemuth, Croll Nissley, William Wallace and Oliver Swartz, who spent the past two weeks here, returned to their studies at Philadelphia on Monday.

Miss Edna Beards has returned home from a week's visit to relatives at Sharsburg. She was accompanied by Miss Pearl Gotwalt, who also spent a week there.

Miss Ethel McNair, who spent the past two weeks in town as the guest of her father, Alvin McNair, returned to her studies at West Chester Normal School on Monday.

Harry Baumbach, of Reading, spent Saturday and Sunday in town as the guest of his family on South Wood street.

HONOR C. O. BACKENSTOSS

Chief Marshal of Mummies' Parade Gets Ring and Watch Charm

Officers and prominent members of the Harrisburg Mummies' Association last evening presented to Clarence O. Backenstoss, chief marshal of the parade, with a ring and watch charm with the insignia of the Knights of Malta. The presentation was made on the Orpheum theatre stage.

J. T. Keesey made the presentation speech, and Mr. Backenstoss responded. The officials of the association were guests of the Orpheum management last evening.

Murder Charge Ignored

Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 5.—A month ago when Thomas Methill lurched against George Harding at Frackville, Harding pushed the fellow away. Methill was placed in a lockup, without medical attention, and died from injuries to his skull. Yesterday the Grand Jury ignored a murder charge against Harding.

this place; Alvin Bealor, of Carlisle Springs; J. O. Bealor, Mr. William Cope, Harry Bealor, of Harrisburg; Harvey Bretz, of Enola; Mrs. Abe, Simmons, of Mechanicsburg, attended the fitting of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bealor from Main to Locust street last week.

Miss Evelyn Tawnyhill, of Lancaster; Miss Beatrice Rodgers, of Scranton, were week-end guests of Miss Belva Chronister.

Charles Yohe, wife and daughter, Vera, of Harrisburg, spent Sunday with Miss Elizabeth Yohe.

A masquerade party consisting of twelve couples from Harrisburg were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bistine, Thursday evening.

There were costumes of various kinds from the quaint old Quaker lady to the modest yet talkative Dutch lady. The evening was spent in playing games and music. An old-fashioned spelling bee was held. Miss Ashburn, of Altoona, capturing the prize. Refreshments were served to all present, and they returned home wishing Mr. and Mrs. Bistine a happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Grissinger, of State Hill, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bealor.

Mrs. Owen, of New Bloomfield, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Danner, Green street.

Miss Edith Fallmer, of Hanover, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bistine.

Miss Carrie Atticks, of Harrisburg, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Atticks and daughter, Miss Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. John Prosser and family, of Camp Hill, spent Sunday at the home of Harvey Reiver.

Mr. and Mrs. George Eshleman visited relatives in Plainfield on Sunday.

H. W. Dimm, of Blaine, Pa., visited Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bower, for several days.

Miss Pearl Honich, of Mechanicsburg, visited friends in this place on Sunday.

The home of Lloyd Miller is quarantined, his two little children having scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Brinkly and daughter, Mabel, of Alten Wall, Pa., visited relatives in this place several days recently.

Miss Harriet Morning and Miss Lillian Falkenstein, of Elizabethtown, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Morning recently.

Joseph Bailor is confined to his home with a very bad cold.

Mrs. Edna Miller was in Mechanicsburg recently.

Omega Oil For Sprains and Bruises

The first thing to do for a sprain or a bruise is to cover the hurt with a piece of flannel soaked with Omega Oil. Quick relief usually follows this simple treatment. Trial bottle 10c.

SHIREMANSTOWN

Masquerade Party From Harrisburg Entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Bistine

Shiremanstown, Pa., Jan. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bistine, Mr. and Mrs. John Nestor, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Eshleman and Mrs. Yohe, of

An Exclusive Style

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