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Two weeks ago Miller Henry, of Snake Key, Fla., captured a big alligator and at the same time Jim Green caught another one that he said was the biggest one that he had ever seen. These two men bragged of their capture and taunted each other with the boast that his 'gator could kill the other one. The two 'gators were brought to Snake Key, their mouths lashed together and they were trussed to a big board like stuffed animals.

They were put into a big yard with a thick partition between them so that they could not get out to each other until the spectators were ready. Four or five dogs were tied to the inclosure on the outside and the boys prodded them, making them howl, which added to the saurians' fury.

At a given signal the outside partition was removed and a young puppy was thrown into the inclosure. Both 'gators rushed to seize it by the hind legs, when the smaller one, which was a little more active, rushed on him and literally tore it out of his jaws. The big fellow gave his opponent a whack with his tail and plunged him over.

The two saurians rose up on their fore legs and ran against each other. Their jaws clanged together like pieces of iron. The little fellow got the big one by the side of the jaws, but lost his grip and the big one plunged forward and seized him on the side and bit out a big mouthful of flesh.

The little fellow dodged under the big fellow's body and seized him under the fore legs taking a great big piece of flesh out. Finally the big 'gator, seizing a favorable opportunity, got hold of the little fellow's tail and bit off about three feet. The little fellow rushed to a corner and the big fellow plunged after him with gaping mouth.

The little fellow made a cunning feint, and, darting at the big one, escaped his jaws and seized him around the middle with a terrific grip, and in a few seconds he achieved the victory, having disembowled the big one. With staggering movements the big fellow sought safety in flight, but the little one pursued him with vengeful ferocity, biting at him severely, and before the corner was reached the big 'gator lay down, and with a long hiss and roar breathed his last.

Maine's Klondike Industries.

Maine is interested in the Klondike in many ways. This comes about from two reasons. One is the Yankee inventive genius of the inhabitants of Maine, and the other is the convenience of the Maine law regarding the formation of stock companies. Because of this latter advantage, a large number of Klondike companies have been formed and duly authorized to dig gold, carry passengers up the Yukon, deal in supplies, stake out claims and do almost anything else that a company of men would think of doing. At present these companies are selling what stock they can and making plans to sell more.

Of course, one of the greatest needs of the Klondike miner is some kind of light craft for use in transporting himself and his outfit in the shallow waters of the upper Yukon and its tributaries. An Oldtown canoe builder who used to be a Western guide, is now filling orders for several canoes built according to a plan of his own. These canoes are long and narrow and are made in four sections, so that they can be taken apart and carried around un-navigable rapids and other obstructions. Each of the boats will weigh about 163 pounds complete, and will carry two men and several hundred pounds of baggage besides.

A man up in the northern town of Fort Fairfield is at work on a machine for thawing frozen ground, which, he says, will enable the miner to dig for gold in the coldest weather with scarcely more inconvenience than in the middle of summer. In Bangor one firm is doing a rushing business making moccasins for the Klondike. Then there is the business of shipping dogs to the Klondike from Maine and the maritime provinces. Thus far most of the dogs have been taken from Nova Scotia and shipped through Maine in box cars, but the industry looks so promising that many of the French Canadian squatters along the northern boundary contemplate going into the business of dog farming in earnest in the coming year. The dogs which the Klondike agents are particularly anxious to get are Newfoundland, St. Bernards, and big Scotch collies, and a full-grown animal will bring from \$5 to \$15, according to size and strength. Four box cars, containing 500 of these dogs went West recently.

Shunk

Our school closed April, 6th. Mrs. J. H. Campbell of Canton is visiting relatives here.

T. Burk and F. M. Fassett of Canton, passed through town on Friday of last week.

William Pollock has taken unto himself a wife, in the person of Miss Amy Lefler of Springfield.

E. G. Solisbury and son John are spending a few days in New York State.

A. E. Tripp of Laporte made this place a flying visit Saturday.

C. H. Dryer of Toronto Can. who recently moved to that place was in town calling on friends last week.

Miss Nettie Morgan has returned to her work in Canton Pa.

Fred Manley of Canton has opened a blacksmith shop at Piatt.

Miss Mary Smith has gone to Hillsgrove to work for G. E. Walker.

Several gents from this place attended the P. O. S. of A. speech at Estella Monday evening.

The young people of town attended a party given by Miss Jessie Forrest Friday night.

G. E. Walker of Hillsgrove was doing business in town Thursday.

Jackson Williams, who has been working at Eagles Mere this winter is home.

How a Passenger Got Even.

He was intent upon his newspaper when the conductor came along and stopped in front of him.

The conductor stooped down to get a better look at his face and said, "Fare, please."

The man with the paper paid no attention, and finally the conductor tapped him gently on the arm.

"Did I get your fare?" asked the conductor, as the man with the paper looked up.

Now, if there is anything in this world that has a tendency to make a man who has paid his fare get angry it is to have the agent of the corporation to whom such fare was paid come along and ask him if he has paid it.

It may be all right, but it always seems as if there was an inference that some one is trying to beat the road. Thus it happened that the man with the paper replied rather sharply: "You ought to know."

"Oh, it's all right, sir," explained the conductor hastily. "No intention to offend, you know. I merely wanted to make sure."

Then he returned to the platform, while the man with the paper returned to his reading.

A few minutes later the man with the paper went out on the platform himself, and just before reaching his corner he gently tapped the conductor on the arm, even as the conductor had tapped him.

"Did you ring up my fare?" he asked.

There were immediate indications that the conductor was getting mad. He tried to say something but only spluttered.

"Oh, it's all right," the man with the paper hastened to explain. "No intention to offend, you know. I only wanted to make sure."

Then he swung off the car, and when he reached home his wife detected traces of a faint smile on his face.

Gage Cautious With His Autograph.

Secretary Gage is cautious as to the manner in which he signs his name for autograph fends. One of these gentry recently accosted the Secretary as he was leaving the White House after a Cabinet meeting. Always willing to oblige, Mr. Gage paused to write his signature. The autograph man indicated a place in the middle of the page for the name. Secretary Gage shook his head, and said: "You'll have to find another place." A brother Cabinet officer was standing near and was attracted by the remark. After signing his name at the top part of the page of the album, Secretary Gage explained that many years ago he had learned never to place his name on a blank piece of paper where there was enough space above it to allow for anything else to be written. "I know that man who wanted the signature just then was all right," said the Secretary, "but I never break my rule." The Secretary told several stories of people attaching their names to blank papers, with the result that they got themselves in trouble through orders being written above the names.—Washington telegram to the Chicago Times-Herald.

The World's Wire Mileage.

The total miles of telegraph wire in the world have reached 4,908,921, not counting 180,440 miles of submarine cable. Were this all in one continuous line it would wrap around the equator about 198 times. The moon and earth could be connected by twenty lines, with enough to spare to connect every country on the earth. Of the total amount Europe has 1,764,790; Asia, 310,685; Africa, 99,419; Australia, 217,479, and America, 2,516,548.

Is the Earth Flattening Out?

According to Professor Cole, under the action of sun, air and water the loftiest mountains are being gradually worn down, and the whole varied landscape of hill and valley is being reduced to a dead level. The great Sahara desert is an example of the last stage of this process, its ocean of sand being only the debris of formerly existing elevations.

Estella.

Spring weather, some have commenced tapping their sugar bushes, many of the spring birds are here, Blue Birds, Robins and Meadow Larks, but look out for a deep snow yet.

Roads are in a fearful condition; there is a fearful amount of sickness all over the country.

Milton Molyneux who has been seriously ill with Typhoid fever is improving. Mrs. S. W. Lewis has been quite seriously ill for the past two weeks.

Walter Kaye son of Roland Kaye of this place a boy about 10 or 11 years old came very near dying with spasmodic croup one day last week. Dr. Woodhead was called as soon as possible. He is better at present writing.

Miss Maud Dodge of New Era Bradford Co. is visiting friends here.

C. J. Fuller met with quite a severe loss last week by the death of a valuable cow. Mr. Fuller has been particularly unlucky this winter, first while shoeing a horse a piece of steel struck him in one eye causing him to lose the sight of it, now he has lost his only cow a valuable one, his family has been sick more or less most all winter.

Mrs. McGuire, widow of the late John McGuire met with quite a loss Sunday night, dogs got into her sheep yard and killed one valuable ewe and severely injured five or six more, causing her a loss of not less than fifteen or twenty dollars at the lowest. There is a lot of worthless curs running around the country no good to any one, it would be a good plan to make a shooting match and kill off the worthless brutes and save the expense of paying for sheep killed.

Clarence F. Huth of Shamokin delivered a lecture in the church here Monday evening, subject American Citizenship which was greeted by a full house, although the roads are in a terrible condition people came from Shunk, Hillsgrove, Laporte and Forksville and all were well paid for their trouble. Mr. Huth is one of the finest orators in Penna.

Sonestown.

It is sugar making now.

Miss Edna Taylor of Strawbridge is the guest of her sister Mrs. A. T. Armstrong.

Sheriff Swank and wife were in town Saturday.

J. Lyman Snyder of Forksville, shook hands with friends here last week.

Miss John Simmons and A. L. Sheets spent Saturday in Hughesville.

Miss May Mencer of Eagles Mere, Messrs. Joseph Mencer and George Carrig made a farewell visit to the family of Theo. Mencer last Saturday and Sunday. The family leave for Galeton this Wednesday.

A horse belonging to Fletcher Brown choked to death last Saturday morning. Its head became entangled in a strap, and in its endeavors to free itself the horse choked to death.

A. Edgar, Sr. has returned from a few weeks' visit among relatives in Hughesville.

Misses Ada Hall, Celia Magarge and May Simmons attended conference at Hughesville Sunday and Monday.

Frank Hazen is in Laporte this week serving as juror.

A pound party will be held next

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No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c, \$1. All druggists.

Dissolution of Partnership.

The partnership heretofore existing between us has this day been dissolved. SAMUEL SMITHGALL, LLOYD SICK Hillsgrove, Feb. 28, 1898.

Modern Treatment of Consumption
The latest work on the treatment of diseases, written by forty eminent American physicians, says: "Cod-liver oil has done more for the consumptive than all other remedies put together." It also says: "The hypophosphites of lime and soda are regarded by many English observers as specifics for consumption."
Scott's Emulsion
contains the best cod-liver oil in a partially digested form, combined with the Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda. This remedy, a standard for a quarter of a century, is in exact accord with the latest views of the medical profession. Be sure you get SCOTT'S Emulsion.
All druggists, sec. and 8c. 50. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

Friday evening at George Hazen's for the benefit of the Methodist pastor. Every body invited.

The Literary Society convened in the school house on Tuesday evening; was called to order by Pres. Hazen. A song followed, after which Carl Stackhouse, Esta Billamboz and Harry Hazen gave recitations. The subject "Resolved, that the U. S. declare Cuba a belligerent power," was then debated. Messrs R. S. Starr, F. H. Gallagher, J. K. Rothrock and Walter Lorah represented the affirmative. Messrs. J. F. Hazen, and J. B. Magargel being unable to act on the negative, a traveling gentleman, M. E. Rich, who was present consented to fill their places. H. C. Boatman and Walter Hazen also spoke on the negative, which side was judged victorious. The reading of the "Astonisher," followed. To say that some people were astonished would be putting it mildly. After selection of a topic for the next session, and the reading and adoption of the minutes of the first meeting, the society stood adjourned.

A Horrible Railroad Accident

is a daily chronicle in our papers; also the death of some dear friend, who had died with Consumption, whereas, if he or she had taken Otto's Cure for Throat and Lung diseases in time, life would have been rendered happier and perhaps saved. Heed the warning! If you have a cough, or any affection of the Throat and Lungs Call on T. J. Keeler, Laporte; W. L. Hoffman, Hillsgrove; B. S. Lancaster, Forksville; C. B. Jennings, Agt. Estella; I. W. Buck, Sonestown, and get a trial, package free. Large size 50c and 25c

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Winter Weight Underware
for Men, Women and Children.
In conjunction with the inviting varieties, all prices will be found more than ordinarily small.
Grocery Department
A new and fresh supply of Groceries have just arrived.
Vernon Hull,
Hillsgrove, Pa.
I am now putting up
EAVE TROUGHS that will not rust.
Send me your order or write for prices.
CUNNINGHAM'S
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Three Big Stores-- MUNCY VALLEY, PROCTOR, PA.
February Clearance Selling.

If you are looking for the bargains of the year go at once to any of the above named stores where former values and prices are practically lost sight of in our determined efforts to dispose of the largest and best line of DRY GOODS and NOTIONS ever brought to this County.

Extraordinary line of CORSETS
The lady who wishes the latest styles combined with high grade and half the old price should call and select from the complete line of sizes.
Unprecedented values given at these stores this month.

JENNINGS BROS.
We keep in stock at our mills a complete line of dressed lumber in hemlock and hardwood.
MANUFACTURERS OF
Gang Sawd and Trimmed Lumber.
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SPECIALTIES
Hemlock Novelty or German Siding,
Hemlock Ceiling 7-8 or 3-8 stick,
Hemlock Flooring any width desired,
Hemlock Lath both 3 and 4 feet long,
Hardwood Flooring both Beech, Birch or Maple,
The same woods in 3-8 ceiling.
CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED.

Buy Good Goods!
And you will be surprised how cheap they are in the end.
We have just unpacked such a stock of coats and caps to which we are pleased to call your special attention. We do not pretend to handle the cheapest coats in the market, but we do say we have the BEST and nearest fitting garments made. Our coats and caps are made to order, and in the latest styles with prices to suit every body.
IN DRESS GOODS WE WERE NEVER BETTER PREPARED TO PLEASE YOU THAN AT THE PRESENT, AS WE HAVE THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT IN THAT LINE EVER DISPLAYED IN THE COUNTY.
Ladies and Misses, Boys and Men, you need not go half frozen this winter for we have plenty of underwear for you all, both in cotton or wool, red or gray and the prices are very low, so low that when you see the goods you will be astonished that we are able to give you such bargains.
One word in regard to foot wear:
Our shoe department was never more complete and if you will favor us with your attention for a few minutes when in town we will convince you that we have the most carefully selected line of fine and heavy boots and shoes ever brought before the public. On crockery we have just received some very pretty designs in Decorated Dinner Sets to which we invite your attention. The buying of country produce has always been a special feature of Business, and we still continue in paying the highest each prices for Butter, Eggs and Wool.
E. G. Sylvara, DUSHORE, PA.

Some Shoe Story
This is our surprise season. At this time of the year we must begin to think about our Spring stock, and make shelf-room for it.
That's why we cut shoe prices beyond recognition—that's why you are in luck if you need shoes now. You can buy two shoes for the price of one.
and we have every thing you could wish in
Clothing and Gents Furnishing Goods
HATS, CAPS, TRUNKS, and MACKINTOSHES.
We pay cash for ginseng root and wool.
SHOES:
We are selling better shoes than were ever sold in this section of the county before at half the usual profits. Every price we quote is the lowest.
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