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A FOOLISH SACRIFICE.

A prominent Free-Trade paper said in a recent editorial, in which the expansion of our foreign trade was discussed:

"We have broken through the barriers that we had erected to shut in our own markets and are seeking the markets of the world. It is our interest now that all markets shall be as open as possible and the first step in this direction is to open our own as rapidly as may be. The commercial treaties we are now engaged in negotiating are an admirable beginning. The completion of the work requires that the Tariff shall be reduced to a revenue basis."

The Tariff is on a revenue basis now, as the daily receipts under the Dingley law show. What is meant is, of course that the Tariff should be reduced to such a point as should eliminate all protective features, and the remark above cited is to be read with that meaning. Just how the opening of our market to the rest of the world will be an advantage to us no one but a Free-Trade could possibly imagine. If it is an advantage to us to gain other markets, it would certainly be of no advantage to lose our own markets, which is many times more valuable than all the markets of the world put together. Yet that is what the reduction of the Tariff to a non-protective basis would mean.

The sole object of those who would reduce the Tariff to a non-protective basis is to permit extensive importations of foreign goods. The markets of the world would better stay forever closed rather than that we should sacrifice the American market for them. Such a sacrifice is, however, as manifestly unnecessary as it is imbecile. We are fast getting possession of the world's markets without any sacrifice of our own. Furthermore, Free-Trade would mean not only the loss of the American market, but by the loss of that market it would mean the destruction of American industries, and would thus result in the loss of our rapidly growing export trade as well. Free-Trade is a death dealer to industrial interests of every kind, a destroyer of both foreign and domestic trade.

Tiny Pine Trees.

One of the most remarkable features of Japanese gardening is the way in which every plant and tree in a famous garden will be reproduced in miniature, by a system of dwarfing which has been handed down from many generations back. Every characteristic of a large tree will be preserved, the foliage, the color and the texture of the branches, and yet the miniature copy will often be not more than from one to three feet high. Professor C. E. Bessey tells of a case in this country in which nature has eclipsed the art of the Japanese. While climbing Green Mountain, near Bowdler, Col., Professor Bessey found growing from a crevice in one of the rocks at the summit a small pine tree, about 5 1/2 inches high, and barely a quarter of an inch in diameter. It was unbranched and bore a single terminal tuft of leaves. The tiny tree had made a good fight for existence amid the inclemencies of its exposed situation, for when it was carefully examined twenty-five distinct annual rings were discovered. Such a case of natural dwarfing is almost unprecedented.

A Convenient Sewing Machine.

Get two wooden boxes exactly similar in size and shape, about 12x18, and five or six inches in depth. Cover these with cretonne and line with plain cambric to match. Cover four legs about two inches square with cretonne, and fasten the boxes to them with screws. The legs can be of any length desired, and need not be planed, as they are to be covered. One box is fastened at the top of the legs and the other about a foot from the floor. Cretonne curtains can be shirred full and fastened around the upper box, two on each side, then draped and tied to each leg with ribbon bows just at the top of the lower box. Brass-headed furniture tacks to tack the covering give a finished appearance.

Japanese Are Ruthless.

The Japanese are ruthless in their tampering with nature. If they decide that they want a bird or an animal of a certain shape or color they set about manufacturing the article, so to speak, by the exercise of exceedingly clever ingenuity and untiring patience. Here, for example, is how the white sparrows are produced. They select a pair of grayish birds and keep them in a white cage in a white room, where they are attended by a person dressed in white. The mental effect on a series of generations of birds results in completely white birds.

Did Its Work at Last.

In 1812 a British warship on Lake Erie fired a shell which failed to explode. It was treasured as a relic in Ashtabula for years, but accidentally it got into a pile of scrap iron delivered to the Phenix Iron works foundry and performed its functions so well that the furnace doors were blown to smithereens.

The Power of Imagination.

The fact that the throes of the imagination under great nervous excitement often produce a corresponding physical frenzy was illustrated recently in the case of a man who had gone to sleep with his artificial teeth in his mouth. Waking suddenly with a choking sensation he found his teeth had disappeared. He looked in the glass of water where they were usually deposited, did not see them there, and realized that they must be far down his throat. Choking and struggling, he hammered on the door of a friend sleeping in the house, who, seeing his critical condition, vainly endeavored to draw the teeth out of the sufferer's throat. He could feel the teeth, but had not the strength to extricate them. He ran for a blacksmith, who lived a few doors away, but the blacksmith's hand was too big to put into the man's mouth.

A doctor had been sent for, but he was so long in coming that the victim of the accident seemed likely to die of suffocation before the physician arrived. A little girl of ten years was brought, under the impression that her small hand might reach the obstacle and withdraw it, but she got frightened and began to cry. The sufferer became black in the face, his throat swelled out and his friends expected every moment to be his last, when finally the doctor arrived. He heard the history of the case, saw that the teeth were not on the man's jaws nor in their nightly receptacle, felt the throat and chest of the sufferer, and cast his eyes seriously upon the floor. There he saw the whole set of teeth. He adjusted them in the jaws of the patient, told him to breathe freely, and every symptom of suffocation disappeared.

Lansford, Pa., Dec. 18.—Notices have been posted by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company to the effect that market price of coal at tide is six per cent. below the basis, and that all contract miners and inside laborers will be paid accordingly. This means an increase of twenty-six cents per week in the miners' wages and twenty-one cents for laborers. It will effect three thousand employes.

Maine to Have a Naval Reserve.

Portland, Me., Dec. 18.—Adj.-General Richards has issued orders for the organization of a division of Naval Reserves in Portland to consist of 46 men. The State will uniform and equip them, and the men will be drilled as infantry, artillery and in signals, and will have boat and seamanship, as well as theoretical drill. The division will be mustered into the National Guard of the State before Jan. 1.

Theatres Prosper in War.

London, Dec. 18.—In spite of the war the theatres are generally prospering. Mr. William Archer has received the final proof sheets of Ibsen's new play, on a translation of which he is busily engaged.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 18.—The British disaster caused a big drop at the opening of the stock market. Sugar fell 4 points, Metropolitan 5, Tennessee Coal 5, Pitts., C. C. & St. L. 6. The trading was heavy, but slow and cautious, and while the declines were large there was no indication of a panic. Later the market rallied a little.
 Cash prices for produce:
 Wheat, No. 2 red, 74 3/4.
 Corn, No. 2 mixed, 40 3/4.
 Oats, No. 2 mixed, 29 3/4.
 Flour, Minnesota patents, \$3.90
 Cotton, middling, 7 11-16.
 Coffee, No. 7 Rio, 66 3/4.
 Beef, family, 12 7/8.
 Beef, hams, 22 7/8.
 Tallow, prime, .05.
 Pork, mess, 10.00.
 Hogs, dressed, 160 lb., .05 1/2.
 Lard, prime, 5 7/8.
 Butter, Western Creamery, .27.
 Molasses, O. K. prime, .36.
 Sugar, granulated, 5.18.

J. W. Buck opens a new lot of lumbermen's gum shoes this week, also a line of men and women's over shoes.

New buckwheat flour at J. W. Bucks.

Go to T. J. Keeler's for your X-mas presents.

Sonestown.

Our people are getting ready for Christmas.

Christmas entertainments will be held in both churches on Monday evening.

J. B. Magargle is stocking his farm with sheep.

John W. Buck has a nice holiday store, work boxes, shaving sets, bibles, books, fancy stationery, and lots of useful and ornamental articles.

Our schools are progressing finely.

Muncy Valley.

Prof. M. D. Sweeney, of Sonestown, was seen on our streets Saturday.

Mr. Wm. Shaw, of Highland Lake, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Resh, of Carlisle, spent last week with their son Rev. J. J. Resh.

Mrs. Charles and Mrs. Alvin Miller spent one day last week shopping in Hughesville.

Miss Sallie Reed, Unityville, spent Sunday with her sister Mrs. Clyde Welliver.

Messrs Wm. Taylor and Charles Crowley spent Saturday in Williamsport.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Taylor spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Charles Croll of Dushore.

Messrs Judge and Frank Ingham of Laporte, and A. Walsh of Dushore, transacted business in town last Thursday.

Xmas IS COMING!

If you don't know what to get for an Xmas gift, come in and get some idea of what you want.

We have an up-to-date line of Xmas Goods and House Furnishings.

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 Baking molasses, 25 to 50c.
 8 pounds Rolled Oats for 25c.
 7 pounds of Corn Starch for 25c.
 7 pounds of Laundry Starch for 25c.
 2 pounds of Rio Coffee for 25c.
 8 bars of Lenox Soap for 25c.
 No. 1 mackerel per pound 8c.
 Best Sugar Coated Hams @ 11c per lb.
 Buckwheat Flour 25 pound sack 45c.
 Buckwheat Flour 100 pounds, \$1.80.
 Yellow Corn per 100 pounds 90c.
 Corn Meal or Cracked Corn 90c.
 Corn, Oats and Barley Chop 90c.
 Wheat Bran 200 pounds \$1.50.
 Flour middlings, 140 pound sack \$1.40.
 Fine middlings 200 pounds \$1.60.
 Flour per sack \$1.00.
 Winter Roller per sack \$1.00.
 Good Flour 90c.
 Rye Flour 25 pounds, 50c.
 Graham Flour 123 pounds 30c.
 Common Fine Salt per barrel \$1.20.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Letters testamentary having been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of John R. Rogers, decd., late of Hillsgrove township, Sullivan county, Pa. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them at once; and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to
 ED. F. IVES, Executor.
 Muncy, Pa., Dec. 9, 1899.

Charter Notice.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to Hon. E. M. Dunham, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Sullivan county, on the 20th day of January, 1899, for the charter of a corporation to be called "The Citizens Cornet Band" of Lopez, Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, the character and object of which is for the purpose of promoting a knowledge of the art and science of music, to furnish music and entertainment for the public of Lopez, Pennsylvania, and of having a permanent organization known as "The Citizens Cornet Band," of Lopez, Sullivan Co. Pa.
 A. J. BRADLEY, Solicitor.
 Laporte, Pa., Dec. 19, 1899.

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All answered at

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New Stock of

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Vernon Hull,

Hillsgrove, Pa.

G. A. Rogers

Watches, Jewellery,

Silverware, Etc.

Gum boots and lumbermen's flannel at J. W. Bucks.

Williamsport & North Branch R.R.

TIME TABLE.

In Effect Tuesday Sept. 13, 1899.

Northward.			Southward.		
p.m.	p.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
4:15	12:55	10:20	Halls.....	9:45	12:00
4:18	1:00	10:23	Pennsdale.....	9:41	11:57
4:27	1:10	10:32	Hughesville.....	9:32	11:48
4:35	1:18	10:38	Picture Rocks.....	9:25	11:42
4:39	1:21	10:41	Lyons Mills.....	9:22	11:39
4:41	1:24	10:43	Chamouni.....	9:20	11:37
4:48	1:32	10:48	Glen Mawr.....	9:14	11:32
4:56	1:41	10:54	Strawbridge.....	9:06	11:29
5:01	1:45	10:57	Beech Glen.....	9:01	11:24
5:05	1:49	11:00	Muncy Valley.....	8:58	11:20
5:11	1:55	11:05	Sonestown.....	8:52	11:15
5:26	2:10	11:20	Nordmout.....	8:37	11:00
5:45	2:29	11:39	Mokoma.....	8:21	10:44
5:45	2:29	11:39	LaForte.....	8:19	10:42
5:52	2:36	11:46	Kingdale.....	8:16	10:39
6:15	2:59	12:09	Satterfield.....	7:55	10:18

Connection with Phila. & Reading at Halls

For Philadelphia, New York and intermediate stations—Leave Williamsport 7:42 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Arrive Halls 7:59 a.m., 10:19 a.m. For Shamokin and intermediate stations—leaves Williamsport 4:30 p.m.; arrive Halls 4:51 p.m.
 From Phila., New York and intermediate stations—leave Phila. 10:21 a.m. and 11:36 p.m.; leave New York, via Phila. 7:30 a.m. 9:00 p.m.; leave New York via Tamqua, 9:10 a.m. Arrive Halls, 6:34 a.m. and 5:21 p.m.
 From Shamokin and intermediate stations—leaves Shamokin 8:10 a.m. Arrive Halls 9:49 a.m.
 Connecting with L. V. R.R. at Satterfield.
 For Towanda and intermediate stations, leave Wilkesbarre 3:05 p.m.; arrive at Satterfield 6:25 p.m.
 For Towanda and intermediate stations, leave Bernice 6:40 a.m.; arrive Satterfield 7:04 a.m.
 For Wilkesbarre and intermediate stations—leave Towanda 6:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; arrive Sat'field, 7:52 a.m. 1:04 p.m.

STAGE LINES

Stage leaves Hughesville post office for Lairdsville, Mengwe and Philipsdale daily Tuesday, Beaver Lake and Fribley on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 11:30 Stage leaves Glen Mawr for Hillsgrove and Forkville at 11:02 a.m.
 Stage leaves Muncy Valley for Unityville, North Mountain and Lungerville daily at 11:19 a.m.
 Passengers taking trains at flag stations can secure train excursion tickets from the conductors.
 Philadelphia & Reading, Lehigh Valley and New York Central mileage will be accepted only for through passengers traveling from Halls to Satterfield or Satterfield to Halls.

The general offices of the company are located at Hughesville, Pa.
 B. HARVEY WELCH, President, Hughesville, Pa.
 S. D. TOWNSEND, Mgr. Hughesville, Pa.

Thursday Bargain Day!

AT HOFFMAN'S Muncy Valley.

The last Thursday Bargain Day was everything that could be expected. The day was perfect and a goodly number of strange faces were seen in our Store taking advantage of the low prices, on the following bargains that will be offered each Thursday:

- POTTERS OIL CLOTH, 12c
- SUGAR, 5c.
- COFFEE, 10c.
- FLOUR, 85c.
- COTTON, 8c.
- WASHING GAS, 5c.
- BAKING POWDER, 15c.
- with tumblers or water pitchers.
- 10 CAKES SOAP, 25c.

These are only a few of the many bargains offered each Thursday. Everybody welcomed; our store is cool in warm weather, and warm in cold weather; you will always be made comfortable at

Hoffman's Store.

JENNINGS BROS.

We keep in stock at our mills a complete line of dressed lumber in hemlock and hardwood.

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Hemlock Novelty or German Siding,
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 Hemlock Lath both 3 and 4 feet long,
 Hardwood Flooring both Beech, Birch or Maple,
 The same woods in 3-8 ceiling.
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In a Pretty Pickle

is the woman who must entertain unexpected company—unless she is well supplied with canned and bottled groceries. If her pantry shelves are nicely lined with our famous brands of pickles, soups, vegetables, canned meats and fish and crackers she is completely

ready for any emergency. What shall we send you to-day?

ON DRY GOODS WE ARE IN THE LEAD

WHY? Because we carry the Largest and Best line in the county
 Because we have only new and attractive patterns to show
 Because you will find no old goods on our shelves,
 We have just opened a new line of Gingham, Shirtings, muslins etc., or the spring trade, which we would be pleased to have you inspect.

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for women and men. We have a stock of women's shoes that is unequalled hereabouts. The shapes are dainty, the leather fine, the workmanship exquisite, and the fit perfect.
 Prices are right.

Cash Paid for Country Produce.

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Fine Assortment at Popular Prices.

CALL ON US GAREY'S BLOCK, DUSHORE.

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