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"TOE PARTY" THE LATEST.

The town of Dushore may be on top of the Alleghenies, and rural as to some things, but it is not altogether behind in novelties. The latest in that direction was a "toe party," which took place in the town hall last Friday night. This is the way it was done: A row of pretty young women were drawn up on the stage behind a curtain, and one by one stuck a bare foot under the curtain for the inspection of a number of young gentlemen. Then the toes were auctioned off to the highest bidder, whose privilege it was to accompany the owner of the toes to lunch. The toes brought all the way from 35 cents to \$5. In some instances the young women had "tipped" their best fellows, agreeing to wiggle their toes in a certain way in order to avoid being taken to lunch by other fellows, who, when they caught on promptly ran the bidding up as high as they could before giving in. There were many spectators for whom the novel procedure afforded no end of amusement.

NEW CATTLE EXPERIMENT.

The experiment station at the Pennsylvania State College, in conjunction with the State Department of Agriculture, is now conducting an experiment to test the effect of different methods of supplying water to fattening cattle and to ascertain at the same time the most economical way of stabling them. Fifteen steers were divided into three lots of five each, all being dehorned. One lot is turned loose in a large box stall and fed in a common manger, while a constant supply of water is furnished them in an automatic watering trough. A second lot is tied in stalls, each animal being supplied with water as in the first lot, while the third lot is tied in stalls and watered by being turned out daily. A record is kept of all food consumed as well as the labor required in caring for each lot, and the gain in live weight of each is taken every two weeks. It is yet too early to draw any conclusions, except that considerably less labor is required to care for loose steers.

The Latest "Penny in the Slot."

A countryman traveling by train came to a large station. Looking round, he saw some automatic machine. He put a penny in one and got a cigarette; then another penny, and he got a box of matches. "Mon, that's grand," said he. Then he walked into the town and saw another box at the corner. He went over and dropped in 2d, and stood waiting. Presently a postman came up, opened the pillar box, took out the letters and turned to go away when the man, thinking he was going to lose his 2d, caught the postman by the arm and said: "Hold on, mon; there's two of them lucky bags mine."

The Evening Star.

The remarkably bright star seen in the sky just after dark is the planet Venus, and is watched by scores of persons who are given to star gazing. Venus will continue to set a little later each evening until May 15th, when it will begin to recede, setting a little earlier each evening until it disappears from the western horizon, to appear again in the east on July 18th as the morning star. Venus is now the highest star in the western firmament.

FROM THE WINDY CITY.

AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM JUD PALMER.

CHICAGO, February 26, 1900.

Dear Editor:—As the NEWS calls to see me almost every week, probably you would like to get a word from the "Windy City." At this time, the name is very appropriate. For the past week or ten days, we have had fine weather with about five inches of snow, and it has been used very extensively for sporting, sleighing parties, &c.

Many races have been in progress on the Grand Boulevards. They are called the snow races, and many a lively brush do we see between the many nimble-footed mustangs, such as Joe Patehen, Star Pointer, Tommy Britton, Lucille and others—the latter seeming to attract the most comment. I tell you she is a gay stepper.

The speedway extends from Thirty-fifth street to Thirty-eighth—making a stretch of one half mile.

One fine afternoon last week, it was nothing to see from 1000 to 2000 cutters on the side drives, and from 5000 to 7000 spectators on the sidewalks. In such a crowd as this, an automobile looks as much like a stranger, as would a camel on a golf course.

On the corner of Calumet Avenue and Thirty-fifth street, is erected a large hotel and stable—simply for the accommodation of the racers.

But however good was the weather for the sporting last week, there has been a lull brought about by the sudden dropping of the mercury which came last night. We are now having a temperature of about 10 degrees below zero. This invites you to hunt the fire rather than stand on the street to witness the sports.

This has also been great sporting weather for the boys. You may speak of the bravery of Dewey, Farragut, Grant, and all the rest of them but I'll bet they would not have walked along the streets in Chicago last week, without feeling a little fearful of having their hats knocked off by a snow-ball which made its exit from the hand of some little, mischievous urchin. But, then, boys are boys, you know, and they must have their fun.

But regardless of the sport connected with city life, there are times when one does not feel so comfortable. On last Tuesday evening, the Trinity Methodist church which stood on Twenty-fourth and Indiana—three blocks from my present location—was entirely destroyed by fire, leaving nothing but the walls to mark the site of the grand structure. The fire originated in the organ from a leak in a gas pipe. The property destroyed was estimated at some eight or nine hundred thousand.

Well, I guess I had better close this scribble, as I have plenty to do at present. We are now getting a touch of our final examinations for the year ending in April, and, of course, like we all used to do when we were getting ready for our exams under you and the present County Superintendent, I have to plug for it. And I suppose that habits have not changed much in Fulton county along that line.

I was looking over the reports of schools in your paper, and whose names should I find but those of a couple of my old schoolmates—two to whom I ought to attribute many of my bad habits acquired while going to school? Now, I see they stand in the capacity of teachers; and, O, how my sympathy goes out to them as they labor on from day to day. Of course, I shall not name them, for the people of Valley Forge school and Akersville Primary, might see this.

Wishing the NEWS the greatest of success, I am,
Most respectfully,
J. J. PALMER.

There is more truth than poetry in the proverb that "Politics make strange bedfellows."

It's the easiest thing in the world for a wise man who has never made any money to call a rich man a fool.

A safe way of calling a man a liar is to say he is suffering from palpitation of the imagination.

COUSIN OF GEN. GOBIN DEAD.

Passed Away at His Residence in Johnstown.

Benjamin P. Gobin, a cousin of General J. P. S. Gobin, died at his home, No. 374 Bedford street, this city, at 6.05 o'clock Saturday evening. He had been ill since December, his ailment being pronounced Bright's disease three weeks ago, since which time he had rapidly grown worse.

Benjamin H. Gobin was born February 24, 1849, at Supbury, Pa., and was a son of Henry and Phoebe Gobin, deceased. His mother died twenty-eight years ago and his father two years later. His only sister—Emma—died many years ago, at the age of nine.

In 1858 the Gobin family moved from Sunbury to Fulton county, where they lived on a farm. On December 5, 1871, the subject of this sketch was married to Mary F. Eichelberger by Rev. Morris F. Waller, of the Presbyterian church at Hancock, Md.

In 1882 Mr. Gobin and family came to Johnstown. He was a wire-drawer and worked at that trade up to the time of the Great Flood, and since then had been employed as a straightener in the Cold-Roll Department of the Cambria Company.

Mr. Gobin had a host of friends in Johnstown and other places he had lived who will hear with sorrow of his death. He was a man of Christian character, beloved of every one who knew him, it being a motto of his life to "speak well of every one or not to speak at all." He was a devoted husband and loving father and almost a lifelong member of the Presbyterian church. In political affairs he was a stalwart Republican.

The deceased is survived by his wife and the following children: Helen, Edward, Lynn, Melvina, Phoebe, and Edith, all of whom are at home.

Funeral services will be conducted at the late home of the deceased at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon by Rev. Hays, of the First Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. E. A. Hibler, of the Christian church. The interment, which will be private, will be made in Grand View Cemetery.—Johnstown Tribune.

NOW HAS POSSESSION.

The Pennsylvania Railroad at last has undisputed possession of the famous Horse Shoe Bend, above Altoona, says a Harrisburg dispatch, of Feb. 28, and Altoona now owns the ground on which her water works are located. The discovery has been made that the land on which the Horse Shoe Bend and Altoona water works were located, had never been patented and no warrant had ever been issued for them, the original surveyor having left them out of the plot when he did the work.

The surveyor quietly informed the railroad company and the city and they at once made application to the board of public property for the land and began advertising the fact that they had made such application. The time for advertising expired to-day, and there being no opposition to granting the warrant, the internal affairs department issued it. The land in question comprises seventeen acres and the company paid 20¢ cents an acre for it with \$15 fees and now holds it absolutely.

Made Him Homesick.

A tramp went along a dusty road and sat down on the steps of a house in a quiet village street. Through the windows the voices of a man and a woman in violent altercation were heard, and the tramp listened intently.

Angry words, and occasionally the sound of something thrown, reached his ears, and he could hardly sit still.

At last, evidently, the wife had taken a broom, and the blows fell fast and furious.

The tramp could stand it no longer, but, rushing to the side door, he darted in and, stepping between the pair, he cried, with a husky voice:

"Give us a clip or two with the broom, old woman; it seems just like old times!"

Naturally the man who weighs his words is the man whose words carry most weight.

BIG FIRE IN WAYNESBORO.

MORE THAN \$100,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY DESTROYED ON FRIDAY MORNING LAST.

From the Valley Spirit.

Waynesboro, March 2.—Fire that undoubtedly had its origin in the cellar of the Wolf business block on Main street east of the diamond and which began shortly after 1 o'clock this morning proved one of the most disastrous in the history of the town.

Charred walls, streets strewn with blackened embers and firemen nearly worn out by constant vigil bear witness to the early morning conflagration. It seems remarkable that a greater amount of property was not destroyed when it is taken into consideration that a fierce wind was blowing when the fire started and that it continued while the firemen were at work.

The energy of the firemen and the co-operation of the citizens, however, combined to avert a more disastrous catastrophe.

Roofs that were dampened by the heavy rain of the previous night seemed proof against the onslaught of flame. This, in brief, tells the story of a fire that seriously alarmed the citizens of this town and resulted in calling to their aid, for fear of more serious result, the Chambersburg fire department.

It was probably ten minutes past one o'clock when the alarm was sounded. Smoke had been observed issuing from the chimneys of the Wolf building. There are six of these chimneys and the person who discovered the fire concluded that smoke pouring from six chimneys after midnight was unusual. J. Mac Wolf, who has bachelor apartments on the third floor, awakened to find his room filled with smoke and he sent in an alarm. The firemen quickly responded.

When they arrived they could see no flame. Suddenly, while they were wondering what to do and endeavoring to ascertain what portion of the building was most in danger, the flames burst through one of the big show windows. The firemen immediately got to work, breaking open the doors leading to the basement of the building and placing streams where flame shot forth. The fire had been smouldering long before the alarm was sent in and it was evident that the Wolf block was doomed.

Once the fire got headway it spread rapidly, the high wind fanning the flames and sending burning material in all directions. The firemen knew they had a hard battle ahead and labored valiantly to save adjoining property. The building of Dr. J. E. Branisholts adjoins the Wolf block and it was but a short time until sparks from the burning block ignited this property. It is so badly burned that it will have to be rebuilt. These were the only buildings totally ruined, although the fire spread to the building adjoining the Branisholts property, owned by John Hicks. The fire was still smouldering in this building at noon and the firemen were watchful as to the ruins of the Wolf block lest the debris would burst into flame and menace additional property.

The loss to the Branisholts building is estimated at \$8,000. Dr. Branisholts will rebuild. The Wolf Bros. were uncertain this afternoon whether they would rebuild on the old site.

On the first floor of the Wolf block was the grocery store of Cecil C. McKown. This was entirely destroyed, entailing a loss of \$4,000. Mr. McKown is a son-in-law of Mr. Wolff.

On the same floor was the clothing establishment of J. Harry Stine, also completely destroyed. The loss to this store is estimated at \$8,000. The carpet store of J. P. and J. Mac Wolff adjoins and its destruction makes a loss of \$10,000. The building, which is valued at \$50,000, also belongs to the Messrs. Wolf and there is an insurance on the structure of \$15,000.

On the same floor was the novelty store of C. W. Schabley. The loss to this stock and furnishings is estimated at \$10,000. Adjoining is the dry goods store of Val. Smith, the loss to which is \$15,000.

On the second floor was the merchant tailoring establishment

of William Cantner. His stock and belongings were lieted up by the flames and his loss is placed at \$1,000.

On this floor was the photograph gallery of J. E. Collins, whose loss is estimated at \$1,000. His gallery was the finest in the town and many valuable negatives and a considerable amount of furniture was consumed.

Burgess J. C. Criswell had his office on the second floor. He had the keys and the borough ordinances and appurtenances to hand over to his successor, Benjamin H. Foreman. These were all burned. His loss is \$500, on which there is an insurance of \$400. All his dental tools were destroyed.

The residence and drug store of Frederick Forthman were damaged by water to the extent of \$1,000 and the residence of John Hicks by water to the amount of \$500.

The establishment of S. E. Grove, undertaker, was also damaged by water. His loss may reach \$300.

The narrow escape of other property may be known when it is told that the academy of music was on fire at one time and that sparks fell on the buildings of the Geiser Manufacturing Company.

The loss of the secret orders on the third floor of the Wolf block is given as follows:

- Acacia lodge of Masons, \$200.
- Uscas tribe of Red Men, \$800.
- Knights of the Golden Eagle, \$800.
- Jr. O. U. A. M., \$500.

We're In This District.

Under the provisions of the bill introduced into the Senate by Boies Penrose and into the House by Representative Connell, proposing to create a new Federal Judicial District in Pennsylvania, to be called the Middle District, a Circuit and a District Court of the United States are to be established, composed of the counties of Lackawanna, Wyoming, Bradford, Monroe, Wayne, Pike, Susquehanna, Carbon, Tioga, Potter, Cameron, Clinton, Lycoming, Centre, Union, Snyder, Mifflin, Juniata, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Sullivan, Luzerne, Dauphin, Lebanon, Perry, Huntingdon, Fulton, Franklin, Adams, York and Cumberland.

The Weather for March.

Hick's forecast of the weather for March starts all right. For the 1st we were to have a very general and marked reaction to warmer weather, attended by rain and snow, and we have had 'em. By the 8d and 4th a high barometer will have succeeded storm conditions. From the 6th to the 10th we shall have the Vulean storm period, it will be warmer and there will be rain.

The disturbances due about the 11th will this month be delayed or prolonged until the 14th, 15th and 16th. A marked blizzard and boreal storm need not be a surprise. The cold weather following will moderate from the 19th to the 22d. Cold weather however is predicted for the greater part of the month. Centering about the 25th and 26th change to warmer, falling barometer and more rain and snow will likely appear. April and May, upon the whole, will bring favorable weather, but some Venus frosts and floods are to be feared in May.

When some of the farmers of Franklin county were experimenting in tobacco raising a few years ago the late C. R. Hoover, of Antrim, raised an experimental crop. As nobody would buy his tobacco he had it made into cigars for his own use. When he died recently nearly 1,500 cigars were found among his effects. As they had not paid a tax Deputy Collector of U. S. Internal Revenue Stover very properly insisted that a claim for taxes should be paid before they were offered for sale. The executors declined to pay, whereupon Mr. Stover broke the cigars into pieces and burned them. There was a great smoke.

Farmer Creasy, the Democratic candidate for State Treasurer last fall, has announced his candidacy for Assemblyman from South Side, Columbia county. Mr. Creasy's re-election is almost a certainty, as he has the hearty support of all factions of the party.

WORTH KNOWING.

Here are a few useful hints from a practical mechanic to the readers of the "Fulton County News."

Pump a little condensed milk into your leaky bicycle tires.

Dissolve pure para rubber in benzine, with which you may cement soles, and patches on your rubber boots.

If a small lump of brimstone be burned on case hardened iron or steel, a hole can easily be drilled.

If your clock refuses to run, unscrew the works from the case and soak them for a few minutes in coal oil.

A good, always-ready glue is made by adding a few drops of nitric acid to a pint of ordinary cabinet glue, which otherwise quickly hardens when cool.

Good cider vinegar makes the best furniture polish. Nine-tenths of the so called polishes render the varnish sticky which catches all the dust and ruins the lustre.

Glass of any thickness can be bored or drilled, with an awl-broken file, or twist drill, if a liquid be used consisting of one part gum camphor dissolved in three parts spirits of turpentine. Make a dam of putty around the place to be bored, into which pour a small quantity of liquid.

McKIBBEN.

Feb. 26.—Mathias is giving us lots of ice.

Mrs. Florence Clark spent Sunday with Mrs. George F. Smith.

On the account of the cold, the prayer meeting at Pleasant Grove was not very largely attended last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Mel-lott spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William H. Mellott.

Mrs. Emma Bolinger, after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bedford, returned to Dublin Mills.

The Diehl Brothers who are still at A. C. Palmer's, are unable to saw now on account of the ice. Boys, keep fire at night.

James D. Chaney and family have moved to Virginia where they will remain a few years, and probably for life.

John Deshong is still critically ill.

SPRING HOUSE VALLEY.

Feb. 28.—Mrs. Mose Gordon and son Lemuel of Plum Run, spent from Saturday till Monday with the family of W. H. Paylor. Nora Paylor is suffering from a severe attack of measles.

George Paylor and sister Rosa are spending several days visiting friends in Franklin county.

Quite a number of the scholars of our school have measles.

Death again visited this vicinity and removed the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Unger.

CLEAR RIDGE.

Feb. 26.—Last Saturday night the mercury dropped from 40 degrees to zero in less than four hours.

Mrs. R. E. Brown is on the sick list. N. B. Henry and Jno. Henry are slowly recovering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Miss Bertha Locke, of Madsensville, was the guest of Harry N. Henry on Saturday.

Miss Lilly Fleiming is on the sick list.

Nevin Laidig and wife accompanied by Miss Maud Fields, spent Sunday with his father.

Misses Emma Grove and Grace Houston spent a few days last week at Three Springs.

Boys, you had better be careful, the Squire is close.

BURNT CABINS.

Feb. 27.—Mrs. Mattie Lake and son of Pittsburg are spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Houck, of this place.

A surprise honor of the Ella J. Hays George W. Hays in Whips George's bag and Miss E. Hays supper party break of all to of spirits, James McK Hess, Mr. and daughter one of 12 yr Lashley, W. W. Geinger, W. G. Decker Rice, Blane Hixson, J. a ma Crist, City iels, C. Rice C. Hixson, a cou ed quite a bo being pres in the evening of the evenin in America, a l Dingley, disge mummery. on Kee was so slice of cake when rring which would be the company, \$ long the ringer Miss El. arious the recipie presents.

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