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Thursday, April 5, 1900.

As yet the Easter hat is somewhat nebulous, but in a little while it may be expected to come to a head.

There are quite a lot of conflicting stories about the abandonment of the Penna. Canal. First comes the story that the canal is to be abandoned, next the story is that there are repairs in progress.

To Snyder County this year belongs the position of National Delegate and although we were defeated by Dr. Herman, we shall leave no stone unturned to assist Dr. Herman to get the place. He has named Dr. E. W. Tool, M. E. Erdley and Jerome A. Agler as his conferees.

The Democrats of Snyder County are engaging in a lively scrimmage for the County Chairmanship. There must be some great "pull" coming from the position of County Chairman of both parties, or else there would not be such a scramble for the places. Of course there are those who do not know who will be elected president and that may account for the contest now on hand.

According to our neighbor contemporary, Dr. Herman was not running for himself, but to please Hummel. That is certainly not very complimentary for an opponent to lend himself as a tool to the political enemies of those who gave the doctor a very lucrative position on the pension board. Either our contemporary fails to tell the truth or else he puts Dr. Herman in an unenviable position.

There is beginning to be a little discussion on the plans and some other preliminary arrangements for Middleburgh's Centennial which should be held this year. Many favor the 4th of July while still others favor about two months later in the season, say September. We do not know what time of the year 1800 the town was laid out, but we can at least make a precedent and name a day so that these 2000 fellows coming on 100 years from now will have something by which to go.

**Robert Hardy's Seven Days.**

In this issue of the Post, we begin the new serial under the above title written by Rev. Charles M. Sheldon of Topeka, Kansas. Rev. Sheldon won his reputation by the story "In His Steps," and those of our readers who have read this serial will not miss an opportunity to read Robert Hardy. Those of our readers who are not familiar with Sheldon's writings, we ask that you read "Robert Hardy's Seven Days." It begins on the inside pages of this week's Post and will be completed in six weeks. Sheldon's writings are more widely read to-day than any other living author's. If the reader is not familiar with the career of this author, he will find a double column portrait and sketch on the inside pages.  
 We could have bought cheap plate

matter to fill up the columns of the Post, but we get the best. The readers of the Post are an intelligent class of people and we have had plenty of evidence of their high appreciation of every article of merit or story that has been published in its columns. For this reason we contracted for the purchase of Sheldon's story, "Robert Hardy's Seven Days" at an enormous price. We did this, because our readers appreciate the best writings in the language. In our purchase of this story, which is copyrighted, we bargained for and secured the condition that the Post shall be the only newspaper in Snyder County that dare publish this most popular story. At the same time we contracted for and bought on the same conditions, Rev. Sheldon's story "The Crucifixion of Philip Strong." This story is also copyrighted and the Post has the exclusive use of the story for Snyder County. When we find something good, we always get it, because our readers appreciate the best. Read "Robert Hardy's Seven Days."

**Remarkable Cure of Rheumatism.**

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**Names of Talking Machines.**

They Are Called "Graphophones" by the United States Patent Office.

A small company of men was gathered about a talking machine the other evening enjoying the latest popular song, when one of them, who is, as the reporter subsequently learned, a prominent patent lawyer, made the following contribution to the scientific knowledge of the day:

"In the popular mind there is considerable misapprehension and confusion regarding the correct designation of talking machines. The words 'Graphophone' and 'Phonograph' are ordinarily misused as having the same meaning. The name 'Phonograph' which was given to the first crude model constructed by Edison, has clung in large measure to the perfected talking machine as it is known to-day.

"It is the news, therefore, to many people to learn that all the talking machines of the present day are officially termed 'Graphophones' by the U. S. Patent Office.

"In 1877 the attention of the world was riveted to a new invention by Thomas Edison of a machine that would talk, to which he applied the name 'Phonograph.' Imaginative people at once began extravagant speculations as to the many uses to which it could be put. The mechanical methods employed in it, however, were incapable of practical use. It employed tin-foils as the medium for receiving and reproducing the sound waves and a record made on this material was not permanent, was far from being perfect or even satisfactory, and it could not be removed from the particular instrument on which it was made without destroying the record. The phonograph served to demonstrate that sound waves could be recorded and reproduced, but it could render no practical service to mankind and disappointed expectations. In the course of a few years it was forgotten.

The Graphophone appeared ten years after the phonograph. It was invented in the Volta Laboratory, Washington, D. C., as the result of experiments conducted by Alexander Graham Bell of telephone fame, and his associates, Dr. Chichester Bell and Prof. Sumner Tainter. Its great improvement over the phonograph, and the feature which is revived interest in the talking machine and made it of practical value, was in providing a method of cutting or engraving a record upon a wax-like tablet or cylinder. This discovery makes possible permanent records that can be taken from the machine on which they were made and reproduced on the same or other instruments.

"The Patent Office put into the Graphophone Class all similar inventions, including Edison's; and technically speaking, every practical talking machine sold in the United States to-day is a Graphophone."



**SCHWEFFELBRENNER LETTER.**

From Mauch Chunk Democrat.

SCHLIEFFELTOWN, Martz 14d.

MISTER DROOKER:—Wann ich net mistaken bin don shtaits omano in der shtriht os was mer drawn coomd ebmohls woehr, un wann sell so is ei don gook amohl ous for 'ferdeihenkerter grosser rumpus mi unser ivver ous goote, grosse patri otische un airliche shtawtsmänner un party bossa os de monopoly tun de haigshita oflissa enjoya un shumir ganunk ous yeadam datusend dawtu oflice lohn net wennicher os tzain draum in era shpawr beclin n shlippa!

Well, anyhow ich hob de letsht naecht gadrawmed os ich aw galand waer on meim hoomershta gabortdawg, in yohr 1920. Ollas os mer denka con war ferrenert, un heitich dawgs rutzawsa waura ons g'woxn grokeppicha menner un de fashion sin merarbordich coryose forecooma De law business, according tzu meim drawm, is tzu sawga gons sunnersht seversht, gor nimmy we im yohr 1900. De leit sin now, im yohr 1920 amohl ufgeawecked. According tzu de oflshel reports sin ollaweil fin United Shtates Senators fin un tzwasich Congressmenner, drei ex-Governairs, un about fin un footsich onera ex-boss embesslers un oflshel deeb in der penitentiary. Un now haird mer tzu sawga nix mat fun rascalaty un shtailerei in de hoche oflissa.

Awer mind, now, des war yushi 'n drawm un du consht denka, we ich uf gaweckt bin war ich a wen nich terhooted. Awer's date miel net orrich ferwoonera wan ich's noeh arlaiva date os de grosse falsh pretenders deeb un embesslers de leng shta terms in der penitentiary enjoya mista. Anyhow ich glawb de comona un fershtendichia leit sin aw fongs om ufwecka, un os 's nimmy long gai con bis se tzu de conclusio cooma os der recht plotz for de grossa professional boss embesslers-deeb, party grose-meiler un fals pretenders, net in der Senate, ode ennicha onnery office, awer yushi for longwindiche terms in de penitentiary. Un wann 's uf nich aw cooma date don mista se aw about e mohl olla dawg 'n frishy operatio suflera on whipping pushta.

PIT SCHWEFFELBRENNER.

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