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CURRENT COMMENT.

Catherine Anderson, of Lyons, N. Y., is the latest party to become distinguished by poking holes through the window of a railroad coach in order to get fresh air. She was arrested.

Corporations sometimes rummage about and find a soul, for some particular occasion. Railroads did a million dollars worth of free transportation for the Galveston sufferers.

Six thousand dogs at the show of the London Ladies' Kennel Association were considered worth giving \$50,000 in prizes. This shows that poor Tray was in pretty good company that week.

Photographs have been made with light from the planet Venus, instead of from the sun: showing that planet-rays, although weaker, are of the same nature as are those of the great luminary.

It is announced that the regular army will probably be increased to 100,000 men, and the mere suggestion has thrown the Bryan organs into spasms. The cry of "imperialism" will be heard louder than ever.

EXPERIMENTS in forestry are being carried on in California, the idea being to determine as near as possible the value of timber to a watershed. The rainfall in the lands which have been set apart for the experiments is accurately measured, and the relative amount of run-off is carefully estimated. The experiments are being conducted on a very extensive scale, so they will undoubtedly prove of great value.

A CHINESE banknote, issued during the Ming Dynasty, about A. D. 1390, has been placed in the British Museum, among the specimens of early printing from China. The surface of the note is black with age, though the characters upon the face of it are quite discernible. This is supposed to be the earliest specimen extant of a bank note issued from any country, and is about 300 years anterior to the issue of the first note in Europe, from Stockholm.

A DISPATCH says Jerry Simpson has moved into Missouri. Now bleeding Kansas bleeds as she never bled before and the folks are wearing weeds on the wild Neosho shore. They wail in Osawatimie, they weep in Pottawatomie; the sighing and the sobbing drown the Crooked's awful roar. There is rending of locks, for the Sockless packs his socks and will give in poor old Kansas no more, alas, no more! We shall nevermore be merry, for we have lost our Jerry, and thrice fortunate Missouri will never restore our Sockless Socrates wherefore with tears and these poor sorrow songs our Jerry we ever shall deplore.

In a recent issue the Post deplored the fact that Snyder County was decreasing in population. This decrease was shown to be due to emigration and emigration is forced upon those who can not obtain employment here. There must be more industrial development, more manufacturing plants and knitting establishments. Selinsgrove started a shoe factory, and hosiery mill, Middleburg, a shoe factory, Beavertown, a shirt factory, and the Adamsburg Soap Company should manufacture their soap at home, then Adamsburg would come in line with a soap factory. Now what do the other towns of the county have to say for themselves? There are McClure, Troxville, Centerville, Kramer, Freeburg, Port Trevortown, Mt Pleasant Mills, Shamokin Dam, Paxtonville and other towns in the county. Why don't they have some manufacturing plant in their town? Population will continue to decrease until employment is provided. All who want work around Middleburg can get it. What is most needed is houses so that additional families can move into town. The shoe factory is over run with orders and skilled labor can readily get employment. If the Selinsgrove and Middleburg shoe factories had not been established, the falling off in population would have been greater than it has been. The Post has named nine towns in this county who should have some industry. Which of the nine will be the first to act? It remains to be seen which town has the most enterprising citizens.

THE COMMERCIAL DITCH

IT looks very much as if the Nicaraguan Canal will be a fixed fact before many years. The negotiations giving the United States the rights and privileges have been signed by Secretary Hay and the representative of Nicaragua, in Washington, and Congress will now have an opportunity to carry out the good work. The fact that the Panama Canal people have been in Washington trying to sell out to the government is of no consequence whatever. The Panama Canal route has been rejected time and time again by the best engineers in the United States, and we do not want it. Another and more potent reason why this country does not want the Panama Canal is that what has been accomplished on that ditch was through the money of the French people, and it is quite likely that in purchasing we would buy into a law suit, and that is not pleasant. The great mass of intelligent, thinking people of the United States want the Nicaraguan route, and that means that we will control it absolutely from the outset.

LITERARY NOTES.

REVIEW OF REVIEWS

The late Marcus Daly, the Montana copper king, is the subject of a brief character sketch in the December Review of Reviews, by Samuel E. Moffett. The picturesque side of this Western "empire builder's" strenuous career is aptly set forth. Mr. Talcott Williams contributes some pertinent observations on the making of the novels of the day, and the material rewards to author and publisher.

SCRIBNER'S

The Christmas Number of Scribner's Magazine shows three different kinds of color-printing. The cover is an elaborate design by Maxfield Parrish, which it has taken nine printings to reproduce. The frontispiece is a delicate reproduction in color of a painting of a mother and child by Jessie Wilcox Smith, and, in the body of the magazine, in a very illuminating article by the distinguished art critic, John La Farge, on "Puis de Chivannes," are six full-page pictures of some famous decorative paintings by Puvion. These have been most faithfully reproduced in the colors of the originals.

RARE AND FINE GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

The largest collection of Precious Gems, Jewelry, Sterling Silver, Leather Goods, Cut Glass, Clocks, Umbrellas, Art Vases, Et cetera, in Central Pennsylvania.



Special Watch Prices we will Offer During the Month of December:

Ladies' Silver Watch at \$5.00

Ladies' Gold Filled Watch at 7.50

With American Movements. All Warranted.

Ladies' Gold Filled Watches, with Elgin or Waltham Movements, at \$10 to \$18

Ladies' Solid 14K at \$15 to \$85

Gents' Gold Filled at \$10 to \$45

With Elgin or Waltham Movements.

Gent's Solid 14K at \$27 to \$125

Boys' Watches at \$2. In Nickel: \$5.50.

In Solid Silver: \$8 in Gold Filled.

We would be pleased to see you. All goods as represented.

A specialty of fine Umbrellas for little money.

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Our Prices Command Admiration and are Looked at in Mute Astonishment.

Look here. Are you in need of

DRY GOODS Clothing DRESS GOODS Underwear

NOTIONS, HATS AND CAPS BOOTS, SHOES, and Rubber Goods,

As well as HARDWARE

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You want the best goods for the money. We are prepared to furnish them to you on short notice. COME and investigate for yourselves.

Thanking you for past patronage, you can rest assured that we will appreciate a continuance of the same, no matter how small your purchase. Country produce a specialty. Our motto—Honest Goods, Moderate Prices, Honorable Competition, Square Dealing. Yours for business,

S. C. DUNDORE, PENNS CREEK, PA.

Holiday Goods advertisement with images of silverware, jewelry, watches, and musical instruments.

UP-TO-DATE JOURNALISM

THE Snyder County News in its last issue is blind enough to boast of its up-to-date ideas in everything from God to the devil. No newspaper ever offered a worse insult to the intelligence of its readers. If the News readers can swallow that and enjoy good digestion, the News has rightly judged in presuming that they don't know what is modern. We are positive, however, that the Snyder county people can readily detect the difference. In the issue of the News, July 12, 1900, the Middleburg Markets were published as follows:

Table of market prices for Butter, Eggs, Lard, Tallow, Ham, Shoulder, Bacon, Onions, etc.

GRAIN MARKETS.

Table of grain market prices for New Wheat, Old Wheat, Rye, Corn, Potatoes, Bran, Middlings, Chop, Flour per lb.

For 22 successive weeks the News (?) gave its up-to-date market reports and even last week yet had not changed a type. Every week since last July, that up-to-date journal has been telling its readers that eggs were worth 18. The Post is unable to decipher the meaning of 18, but the presumption is that it is one shilling, referring to the up-to-date designation of money used by the pioneers when they settled the forests of Pennsylvania. The readers of the Post know that this occurred between two and three centuries ago, but who could stomach the presumption that an up-to-date newspaper will publish the same market quotations for six months. This is not all. There is no telling how many more weeks the News (?) would have published the same market reports. They can look this week for a change and give the Post credit for helping them to get the correct markets.

Is this the only time they have been dilatory? Let us see. Only one change was made in the News (?) market reports from March 29th to July 12th. Right in the face of this, our would-be Greeleyite is either trying to throw sand into the eyes of his readers, to stultify their observation or else is exhibiting unpardonable and culpable stupidity right in his own office and at his own desk. "May the Holy Saints protect us."

THE LEARNED DOCTOR and botanist Rudolf, Jacob Camerarius, professor at Tubingen, was the first to discover the sexuality in plants. He had succeeded in separating two feminine types of the annual mercury from a group of plants of the same kind, and remarked that they had hollow seeds. His report on this subject, published in the "Ephemeres" of the Leopoldine Academy, is dated December 28, 1691. Camerarius demonstrated that plants are reproduced, like animals, by means of sexual organs, and published the fact in his memoir, "De Sexu Plantarum Epistola." The thought, like many other great discoveries that are not appreciated at the time, was too remote from current ideas to be accepted, and was completely overlooked. Again, in 1793, a school-master, the regent Christian Conrad Sprengel, of Spandau, published a book on the question of the sexuality of plants, showing with rare penetration what were the functions of the organs of the flower, and chiefly of the colored petals. The facts he disclosed, and which are now part of the incontestable patrimony of science, appearing so surprising that he entitled his book "The Mystery of Nature Unveiled in the Structure and Fecundation of Plants." He also advised the botanist of his time to study plants in vivo, in nature, instead of contenting themselves with the examination in their studies of dried and withered specimens in an herbarium. Incredible as it may appear, it is nevertheless true that his ingenious work, so important to the scientific explanation of the different floral organs, remained unknown till 1862, when Charles Darwin, being occupied with the same question, found it and made it known.

GREAT REDUCTION

We have reduced our stock of Men's, Boys, Children's Suits and Overcoats from one-fourth to one-third off in price.

If you need any clothing, now is your time to buy.

- List of clothing items and their reduced prices: All our \$5 Suits and Overcoats reduced to \$3.50, All our \$7.50 Suits and Overcoats reduced to \$5.00, etc.

GENTS' FURNISHINGS on hand for the HOLIDAYS which every one should see. A large assortment of LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS at 5 cents each. H. KATZ, CLOTHIER, MIDDLEBURG, PENNA.

YOUR MONEY BACK advertisement for jewelry and watches, featuring an image of a watch and a list of items like Artista Materials, Bicycles, Bookcases, etc.

SALE REGISTER. Notices of sales will be inserted free under this heading when the bills are printed at this office. When the bills are not printed at this office no cents will be charged. Persons expecting to have sale should select a date and have it inserted in this column. TUESDAY, March 5, 1900, one-half mile west of Salem church in Centre township, Cyrenus Marks will sell 5 horses, 2 cows and farming implements. First National Bank Election Notice. The annual meeting of the stock holders of the First National Bank of Middleburg for the election of seven directors for the ensuing year will be held in the banking house the third Tuesday of January, being January 16th, 1901, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 12 M. J. N. THOMPSON, Cashier, Middleburg, Pa., Dec. 10, 1900. THE BEST PLASTER. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound to the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with lame back or pains in the side or chest, give it a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Pain Balm also cures rheumatism. One application gives relief. For sale at the Middleburg Drug Store.

Christmas Turkey advertisement with an image of a turkey and text: 'Will be much nicer if you carve it with a Nice New Carving Knife and Fork. I can furnish you with imitation Bone Juggle at 50c per set to genuine Stag at \$4.00 per set. My stock of Enterprise Sausage Stuffers and Grinders is not yet entirely cleared out. Fifty Pound Lard Cans, very heavy Tin, 30c each. W. H. Heim, Hardware 415 E. Market St. SUNBURY, PA.'

CHRISTMAS advertisement for C. S. BIGONY & CO. 323 Market St. SUNBURY, PA. It's not too early to consider the Christmas question. You ought to know by this time what the children want. We are reasonably confident we can supply it, but to make sure you had better call and see. We have lots of things for older people, too.

Useful Christmas Gifts advertisement for GEO. W. HACKETT 325 Market Street SUNBURY, PENNA. Never so large a line to select from. Suitable for everybody. Useful gifts are the most appreciated. SLEDS, SKATES, CHILDREN'S BANKS, PURSES for all; Ladies' and Gentlemen's Pocket Books, Guns and Target Rifles, Tool Chests for Boys, Carpenter's Chests and Tools for Men. A large assortment of Pocket Knives from 5 cents to \$2.00 each. Table Knives and Forks, Carvers, Tea and Table Spoons; Scissors and Shears, Carpet Sweepers and Toy Sweepers, Clothes Washers, Clothes wringers, Tea and Coffee Pots, Tea Kettles, and numerous other articles in Granite, Delft, and Nickel-copper Wares; Crumb Trays, Nut Picks and Cracks, Baskets, Razor Straps and Razors.

A RARE CHANCE TO BUY A GOOD GUN CHEAP AT ACTUAL COST advertisement for Furman's Cash Fair. Will close my entire stock of GUNS out at ACTUAL COST. Must have the room for my IMMENSE HOLIDAY STOCK. A Lot of Good Guns at Sacrifice Prices. \$7.00 Guns now at \$5.00, \$8.00 Guns now at \$6.00, 12.00 " " " 9.00, 14.00 " " " 15.00, \$25.00 Guns now at \$21. It will pay you to come many miles to get these Guns at prices that I now offer. Cut this out bring with you 517 MARKET ST. Furman's Cash Fair SUNBURY, PENNA.