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"Did Charity prevail, the Press would prove vehicle of Virtue, Truth and Love."—COWPER.

ASSESSED VALUATIONS.

A Lewistown paper in a recent issue said:

> "The county commissioners are to be commended for abolishing the absurd custom of assessing valuations on the one-third basis. Of course it will be their duty to change the mill rate in proportion. The old system not only failed to give the county a proper valuation on its wealth and resources, but would have prevented Lewistown from assuming municipal ownership of its water and light privileges, even if the citizens had so desired."

This is a proposition that should be considered by the commissioners of Snyder County. If the citizens of Middleburg should decide to put in water works, it is extremely doubtful if they could do it under municipal ownership, because the total indebtedness of the borough for the new school house and water works would probably make the debt higher than the law would permit under the present assessment valuation.

If the borough of Middleburg should desire to install water works now, it would have no alternative, but to give the contract to a corporation. It is probable that the citizens generally would oppose water works if it were to be given to a corporation, while they would favor the improvement if it could be put in and controlled by the municipality. If a corporation puts the plant in, it would certainly expect to charge a profit for the use of the water and for that reason it is fair to presume that the municipality could furnish water at a lower cost than a corporation.

The same is true in the borough of Selinsgrove, should they desire to bond their town for any improvements in addition to the electric light plant. The idea of giving a false valuation of property is wrong to begin with and when it works injustice in addition, the matter should be speedily rectified.

LITERARY NOTES.

SATURDAY EVENING POST.

EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is writing for *The Saturday Evening Post* a series of strong articles which will appear in the magazine during the winter months. Some of these papers will deal with political affairs, and others with the personal problems of young men. They will be Mr. Cleveland's first utterances in any magazine on the question of the day since he left the White House. Mr. Cleveland's opening paper, which is to appear in *The Saturday Evening Post* of December 22, discusses in a masterly manner a most important phase of our national politics.

SCRIBNER'S

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE has many projects for the year 1901 and several of the most important have their beginning in the number for January, which has just been issued. In fiction, readers will welcome the half-dozen Amateur Cracksman stories by E. W. Hornung, each of which is complete in itself; but the ingenious "Raffles" and his accomplice, Bunny, appear in all of the adventures. The one in this number is entitled "No Sinecure," and it is illustrated by F. C. Yohn, who will make the pictures for the whole series. Raffles has already taken his place among those distinguished characters in fiction which everybody knows about.

UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD PATH FOR DEC. 1900

THE December issue of the *Universal Brotherhood Path*, (The Theosophical Pub. Co., Point Loma, San Diego, Calif.) the monthly publication of the Universal Brotherhood Organization, and the Theosophical Society, opens with a very strong and well-written article on "The Hygienic Aspect of Brotherhood Work," by H. T. Edge. The article is healthy and vigorous and contains a strong plea for an all-around development, for the writer says "Mental culture of every kind has become so prevalent—so rampant—that it has itself become a sensual indulgence; while, on the other hand, physical vigor has so degenerated that men's bodies need reform as well as their minds. The world does not now need any more idealism and philosophical speculation, but it needs to be taught how to live healthily and cleanly."

IT was a noticable fact prior to Christmas that the merchant who displayed his wares in the columns of a newspaper was the man who had his store crowded from morning until evening, and had very few goods to hold over. It was also noticeable that the merchant who did not do this had plenty of time on his hands. This is natural. If the public is not informed of what a man has to sell how can he expect the trade to come which he does not invite? The lesson is a simple one and will likely be more thoroughly studied by some of our merchants in the future.

THE question of selecting a date for holding the Republican primary election. Some favor February or March, while others incline to a later date. There is another idea afloat that the primary elections in both Union and Snyder counties be held on the same day. There is no absolute necessity in doing that.

ATTORNEY'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that power of attorney-in-fact upon the estate of Ephraim Walter, late of Center township, Snyder county, Pa., dec'd, has been given by the heirs of said estate to the undersigned, to whom all indebted to said estate should make immediate payment and those having claims against it should present them duly authenticated for settlement.

I. L. WALTER,
Attorney-in-fact.

Middleburgh, Pa.
Nov. 12, 1900. 6t.

DUNDORE.

A man without a smiling face should not open a shop.

The ice houses in this country are full of ice eight inches thick and as clear as a crystal.

Dr. Krebs was in town.

Meiser & Weaver have a number of teams hauling ties to market.

J. F. Wagner had use for Henry K. Scholl, our horse doctor.

Our coal diggers were frozen out after having secured a fine lot of coal for our people.

Norton Herdrix, our trapper, has a desirable lot of furs on hand.

Rev. Brillhart is conducting religious services in the Witmer U. E. church.

The proprietor of Hot Springs went to Sunbury on business.

Toe Hill lost none of its business activities.

Eclipse is changing proprietors.

There is a good demand for butter and eggs in town.

Bananas are cheap at 12c per doz.

Many of our young people attended auction at Port Treverton Saturday evening.

Our parents do not take the interest in our public schools they ought to.

Maria W. Dundore visited her sister at Selinsgrove last Saturday.

J. P. Wise is convalescent.

Present indications are that we will have quite a number of public sales in March.

Nathan Hackenberg, of Kratzerville, was in town.

Frank Woodling has a fresh cow for sale.

The wedding bells are expected to ring shortly.

Talk about Sampson of old! Why, McKinley carried the United States.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Wednesday, Jan. 2.

The starting of the first trolley road in Porto Rico astonished the natives.

An attempt by Chicago anarchists to blow up the La Salle street tunnel was frustrated by detectives.

Lavish preparations are being made at Newport for the marriage of Alfred G. Vanderbilt to Miss Elsie French on Jan. 14.

S. Fred Nixon, of Chautauqua, was chosen speaker of the New York assembly. Senator Thomas F. Grady, of New York, is leader of the minority.

The joint caucus of Pennsylvania Republican legislators selected M. S. Quay as the senatorial candidate, he receiving 123 votes, four less than a plurality. The fight is still on.

The late Lord William Beresford is said to have accumulated $600,000, mainly on the turf, which he bequeaths to his son, for whom he had also insured his life for $350,000.

Thursday, Jan. 3.

Judge Kohlsaat granted a temporary injunction restraining Chicago from enforcing a 75 cent gas ordinance.

It is asserted in Dover that the legislature will on Jan. 15 elect Col. Du Pont and J. Edward Addicks to the United States senate from Delaware.

The senate committee will report favorably the bill to retire Gen. Shafter as a major general and Gens. Lee and Wilson as brigadier generals.

Mrs. Maria Sittser, wife of Hon. John A. Sittser, ex-president judge of the Forty-fourth Pennsylvania district, died at Eureka Springs, Ark., yesterday.

In his final message, retiring Governor Pingree, of Michigan, predicts a bloody revolution within 25 years unless present unequal conditions are changed.

Friday, Jan. 4.

Bishop W. X. Ninde, of the M. E. church, died in Detroit, aged 68.

The striking structural steel workers in Pittsburg have resumed work, having been victorious.

Gen. R. N. Batchelder, former quartermaster general of the army, died in Washington, aged 67. He retired in 1896.

Two carloads of negroes left Montgomery, Ala., last night for the Hawaiian islands. They go to take employment on the sugar plantations there.

John Bilikis, a Greek, who stabbed and killed Peter Giovanis, a fellow countryman, on June 10 last, in Philadelphia, was sentenced to 18 years in the Eastern penitentiary.

Saturday, Jan. 5.

Miss Belle Fremont, prima donna soprano of the Bostonians, died in Denver last night of pneumonia.

According to Consul Listoe, at Rotterdam, there is now a good field open in Europe for American zinc ore.

Among the bills introduced in the Colorado legislature was one for the restoration of capital punishment.

All Ferrouh Bey, who was recently displaced as Turkish minister in Washington in favor of Mustapha Bey, has been reinstated.

The navy department yesterday issued the expected order announcing the retirement of Rear Admiral A. Kautz, to take effect Jan. 29.

Monday, Jan. 7.

Suffocated by smoke in a hotel fire at Minneapolis, eight men were taken out dead.

Bishop Wigger, of the Catholic diocese of Newark, died at South Orange, N. J., aged 49.

John C. Sims, secretary of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, died yesterday in Philadelphia.

James Ware Bradbury, United States senator from Maine in 1846, died at Augusta, Me., aged 98.

Assistant District Attorney Maurice B. Blumenthal, at New York, refused to resign when requested, and was given notice of dismissal.

Daniel F. Davis, father of Webster Davis, former assistant secretary of the interior, died yesterday at Kansas City, Mo., of consumption, aged 64 years.

Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Forty new engines have been ordered from the Pittsburg locomotive works by the Illinois Central Railroad company.

Congressman R. J. Gamble has been selected as the unanimous choice of South Dakota's legislature for United States senator.

Queen Marie Henriette, of Belgium, is in an extremely weak condition from the after results of her recent attack of pneumonia.

The Spanish government is projecting the establishment of wireless telegraphy in Spain, Morocco and Teneriffe and the other Canary Islands.

At Denver Judge Butler fined the members of the board of county commissioners $250 each for contempt of court in violating a court order by forbidding the sheriff to appoint deputies to guard the polls on election day.

GENERAL MARKETS.

Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—Flour quiet; winter superfine, $2.35@2.60; city mills, extra, $2.70@2.95; Pennsylvania roller, clear, $3.10@3.25. Rye flour steady at $3 per barrel for choice Pennsylvania. Wheat strong; No. 2 red, 77¾@77½c. Corn steady; No. 2 mixed, spot, 43¼@43½c.; new No. 2 yellow, for local trade, 44@45c. Oats firm; No. 2 white, clipped, 32¼@32½c.; lower grades, 28@31c. Hay quiet; choice timothy, $17.50 for large bales. Beef firm; beef hams, $17.50@18. Pork firm; family, $15.75@16.25. Lard steady; western steamed, $7.55. Live poultry quoted at 9@10c. for hens, 7c. for old roosters, 9@9½c. for spring chickens, 11@12c. for spring ducks, 9½@10c. for turkeys and 9@10c. for geese. Dressed poultry at 10c. for choice western fowls, 6@7c. for old roosters, 11@12c. for choice and fancy nearby chickens, 12c. for fancy nearby spring turkeys, 10@11c. for good to fancy western ducks and 7@9c. for western geese. Butter weak, but not quotably lower; creamery, 17@25c.; factory, 11@14c.; June creamery, 17@22½c.; imitation creamery, 14@18½c.; New York dairy, 19@23c.; fancy Pennsylvania prints jobbing at 27@30c.; do. wholesale, 26c. Cheese firm; fancy large fall made, 11¼@11½c.; small do., 11¾@12c. Eggs steady; New York and Pennsylvania, 26@28c.; western, average packing, at mark, 22@26c.; western, loss off, 27c. Potatoes firm; Jerseys, $1.25@1.75; New York, $1.50@1.87½; Long Island, $1.50@2; Jersey sweets, $1.75@3.

East Liberty, Pa., Jan. 7.—Cattle market steady; extra, $5.50@5.70; prime, $5.15@5.35; common, $3@3.75. Hogs active; best mediums and good Yorkers, $5.45@5.50; heavy hogs, $5.40@5.45; pigs, $5.35@5.40; roughs, $3.75@5. Sheep higher; choice wethers, $4.40@4.50; common, $1.50@2.50; choice lambs, $5.75@6; common to good, $4@5.50; veal calves, $7.25@7.75.

First National Bank Election Notice.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the First National Bank of Middleburgh for the election of seven directors for the ensuing year will be held in the banking house the third Tuesday of January, being January 15th, 1901, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 12 M.

J. N. THOMPSON, Cashier.

Middleburg, Pa., Dec. 10, 1900.