

Published Every Thursday Morning
GEO. W. WAGENSELLER, A. M. EDITOR AND OWNER.
SUBSCRIPTION RATES.
 \$1.00 per year if paid in advance. \$1.50 per year if not paid in advance. Single copies, Five Cents.
Advertising Rates. 15 cents per line, nonpareil measurement, for first insertion, and 10 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. **OFFICE.**—Near the County Court House, between the First National Bank and the County Jail.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.
 Justice of the Supreme Court,
WILLIAM P. POTTER,
 of Allegheny.
 State Treasurer,
FRANK G. HARRIS,
 of Clearfield.
 President Judge,
HON. H. M. McCURE.
 County Surveyor,
GEO. A. BOTDORF.

VOL. XXXVIII. SEPT. 5, 1901. NUMBER 35

NO NEW "HIGHWATER MARK."
SOME decidedly misleading conclusions have been drawn from Commissioner Evans's recent report on the work of the Pension Bureau for the year ending June 30, 1901. In most of the abstracts made of this report the impression has been improperly conveyed that a new "highwater mark" in pension expenditures was reached during the closing year of President McKinley's first administration. A feeble coloring was given to this contention, perhaps, by the fact that the roll of pensioners had mounted a shade nearer the million limit than ever before, standing on June 30 last at 997,735. But apart from this single disclosure, there was nothing whatever in the commissioner's elaborate summary of the bureau's work to suggest an actual inflation in the nation's pension account; and certainly it is a serious error to say, as we find one of our intelligent Philadelphia contemporaries doing, that "thirty-six years after the close of the Civil War, and under the administration of a Commissioner of Pensions who has been denounced as unfriendly to pension claimants, there are recorded the highest number of pensioners and the largest money payments."
 Little or no significance attaches to the slight increase recorded for the year in the roll pensioners. That roll has been practically stationary for the last ten years. On June 30, 1900,

there were 995,561 names on the list, and on June 30, 1899, about 993,000. As far back as 1893 the total had already reached 966,000. But the growth of the roll has by no means involved a corresponding increase in pension payments. For in 1892-'93, when the number of pensioners was 966,012, the disbursements for pensions amounted to \$156,806,537. That was the real "highwater mark" in the Pension Bureau's history. No year since then has seen as great a sum appropriated or spent. In 1897-'98, with 993,714 pensioners, the total expenditure was \$144,500,000. But in spite of still further net additions the annual cost of pensions has fallen to an even lower level in the last three years, standing at \$138,253,000 in 1898-'99, \$148,462,000 in 1899-1900, and \$138,501,000 in 1900-'01.

But the Commissioner's report offers still other evidence that no recurrence of the record breaking disbursement figures of 1893 and 1898 is now within the range of probability. Three years ago there were on the files of the Pension Bureau no less than 635,059 unsettled claims. On June 30 last there were only 403,569 claims outstanding—a reduction of over 35 per cent. But of these 270,000 are appeals for reratings and 41,000 are Spanish War claims, so that of the vast army of claimants made pensionable by the legislation of 1890 comparatively few now remain whose original applications have not been passed on. With these remaining unadjusted cases once disposed of an increasing death rate will undoubtedly cut our pension payments before many years to \$130,000,000, perhaps to \$125,000,000. We may add that on the face of the record made by the Pension Bureau for the last twelve months, and summarized in Mr. Commissioner Evans's report, it is difficult to see how the bureau management can be charged with any possible lack of energy in sifting and settling the mass of unadjusted claims left over to it from previous administrations.

CONSOLIDATION OF COUNTY SCHOOLS.
THROUGH the courtesy of Hon. Robert L. Myers of Cumberland County, the Post begs to acknowledge the receipt of Bulletin No. 71 of the department of agriculture, entitled, "The Consolidation of County Schools and the transporting of the scholars by the use of Vans", compiled by Dr. H. H. Longsdorf, Dickinson, Pa.
 We are approaching a new era in education and a proposition to locate all the schools of a township at one place so that pupils must travel from every part of the township to one central

point is a new idea and one, the Post fears, that would not be approved at first sight. The objections arising from such a proposition would be fostered by the greater distance their children would have to travel in order to reach the school room. Those who live nearest to a school house now would probably object the most.

The idea of consolidating the schools is a good one. The matter of getting children to and from school from all parts of the township shall be provided for by the board. Large Vans or hacks shall be secured and contracts let to carry the children back and forth to school. There may seem to be a little inconvenience at first, but that sinks into insignificance when the advantages of a graded school system are considered. It has been determined by inquiry from a large number of teachers in ungraded schools of Pennsylvania that the average time consumed for each class is ten minutes. In graded schools a half hour could be used. It is not to be supposed that pupils shall be able to get out all their lessons in the school room. A little midnight oil should be used.

The county scholar to-day is not getting as much good of the public school system as the scholar in well graded schools. The fault does not lie with the teacher either. For instance, in Franklin township there are ten teachers. While in Franklin and Paxtonville there are two grades, yet the ten teachers are practically all teaching the same branches every day and trying to do justice to a class in periods of 10 or 15 minutes each. If the schools were consolidated, half of the teachers could do the work, better salaries could be paid and then the country boy and the country girl could get more nearly out of the public school system, what their town and city cousins get out of it.

Every teacher and every director should write to John Hamilton, Sec. of Agriculture, Harrisburg, for Bulletin No. 71. The directors owe it to the pupils of their districts that they give to the rising generation the best education they can and the Post sincerely believes that this book will open the way for a better system of education for the boys and girls in the rural districts.

A Monthly Journal—MUNTER-TRADER—TRAPPER—also all about hunting and trapping and how to do it. Published by an old experienced hunter, trapper and trader. Only 50 cents a year. Address, A. R. Harding, Publisher, Gallipolis, Ohio.

SPECIAL SALE OF CARPETS, MATTING RUGS and FURNITURE.
THE LARGEST AND MOST COMPLETE LINE EVER DISPLAYED IN LEWISTOWN.
 Marked attractiveness in design and color and excellent quality of fabric, combined with the reasonable prices, make our carpets conspicuous. At this time attention is called to the new season's patterns of the well-known Wilton's, Axminsters and Tapestry Brussels. The latest effects in Ingrains. Rag Carpets in all styles and prices.
 Our stock of new FURNITURE is especially pleasing. We also have a fine line of baby Carriages.
W. H. FELIX,
 Valley Street, Lewistown, Pa.

SHERIFF'S GREAT SACRIFICE SALE
 of Clothing and gents' furnishing goods began Thursday, July 11th, and will continue until the whole stock is disposed of. We have bought H. Katz's large stock of Clothing at the Sheriff's Sale at 25c on the dollar and we will sell at your own price, as the stock must be sold regardless of first cost. Don't delay, come at once and get the first bargains.
 Here are a few:
 \$ 5.00 Suits at \$2.50 \$ 7.50 Suits at \$4.00
 10.00 Suits at 5.50 12.00 Suits at 7.00
 \$15.00 Suits at \$8.50
 We cannot mention many prices as the space is small. Don't forget to come to the Sheriff's Great Sacrifice Sale to get your BARGAINS.
 The Assignees of **H. KATZ.**
 Next to Court House, Middleburgh, Penna.

Picnics, Festivals, Etc.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 7th, The four Sunday Schools of Troxelville will hold their annual picnic.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 7, the Salem Sunday school will hold a festival and picnic.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 7, the U. B. Sunday School will hold its annual basket picnic in the red bridge grove. Everybody is invited.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 7, Daniel's Union S. S. and Pine church S. S. will hold a union picnic in Aucker's Grove near Gordon's school house. The Fremont band and the Arndt Bros. of Milton will furnish the music. Good speakers will be present.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 13, Co. G's annual bean soup at Selingsgrove.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 14, the Summit S. S. will hold a festival at the School house. Proceeds to buy an organ for the Sunday school.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 28th. The annual dean soup of Captain Michael Smith Post No. 355 of McClure will be held in Cold Spring grove.

Do not fail to read the offer made by The Hayner Distilling Co., of Dayton, Ohio, which appears elsewhere in this issue, offering four full quarts of Seven-Year-Old Rye, express prepaid, for \$3.50.

How to Get Full Value
 The man who advertises once in while does not get the full value of his advertising. Neither he nor his business ever benefits from the cumulative value of publicity. His each announcement may bear some fruit in proportion to its individual value, but one absorbs nothing of the good wrought by the other. His firm name is not kept constantly before the people. It is not unremittently impressed upon consumers. Hence he is in a measure a new advertiser every time he advertises.

Notice.
ROY BABIES or GIRL BABIES—A book giving full and detailed instructions.
How to Control Sex
 a BOON TO PARENTS, send stamp for circular information. Agents wanted.
THE FIELD CO.,
 329 West 81st St., New York.
AGENTS WANTED capable of selling shares of stock in an industrial enterprise. Must have excellent references. Address **NATIONAL BROOM & SUPPLY CO.,** 345 Fulton Street, New York City.
NEURALGIA cured by Dr. Miller **PAIN PILLS.** "One cent a dose." At all druggists.

WINDSOR HOUSE
W. H. BUTLER, Proprietor
 418 Market St., Harrisburg, Pa.
 (Opposite P. R. R. Depot Entrance)
 Called for All Trains
 Rooms, 25 and 50c. Good Meals, 25c
 \$1.00 to 1.25 per day. \$4.00 to 5.00 per week.
 Good accommodations. tf.

WAS IT GARCIA'S FAULT? Is it about a girl who was tempted. The Polly of being Good. He explains how to be happy in love, imprudent marriages, etc. tells what you need to know. These books are illustrated with full page photos and deal with a subject that will soon be upon the lips of all people whether Republicans, Democrats, Socialists or Anarchists. Sent postpaid upon receipt of price.
THE FIELD CO.,
 329 West 81st St., New York.

WANTED SALESMEN
 To sell a Choice line of Nursery Stock. Steady work, and Extra inducements to the right persons. All stock guaranteed. Write now for terms and secure a good situation for the fall and winter. Address:
THE HAWK NURSERY CO.,
 9-5-4m.
 Rochester, N. Y.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the estate of Lydia Swartz, late of Washington Township, Snyder County, Pa., deceased, have been issued in due form of law 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.
E. H. SWARTZ,
W. H. SWARTZ, Executors.
 Kantz, Pa., Aug. 29, 1901.

G. L. OWENS,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
 OUR SPECIALTY: TYRONE, PA.
 Collections and Reports.
 References: First National Bank. Nearby Towns Represented:—Bellwood, Altoona, Hollidaysburg, Huntingdon and Bellefonte. 8-13-17r

THE MIDDLEBURGH POST AT ATLANTIC CITY.
 For the convenience of our readers who may visit Atlantic City this summer, we have arranged to have the latest issues of the Middleburgh Post always on file at the Philadelphia Inquirer's Seashore Bureau, on Young's Pier at that popular resort. The Inquirer has, at great expense, fitted up commodious reading and writing rooms on Young's Pier where every attention will be given its guests. tf.

PENNSYLVANIA, ALLENTOWN.
 Located in the beautiful Lehigh Valley, unsurpassed for health and comfort.
 Regular and special courses of study. Efficient faculty. Instruction thorough. Gymnasium. New furniture. No requisites lacking.
 Specialties, Music, Art and Elocution. Best references furnished.
 For illustrated catalog, address,
J. W. KNAPPENBERGER, A. M., Pres.
 6-20-3m.

Central State NORMAL SCHOOL
 Lock Haven, Penna.
F. R. FLICKINGER, A. M., Sc. D.
 Principal.
 Fall Term begins Sept. 9th, 1901.
 Offers FREE TUITION to prospective teachers.

This institution is one of the foremost Normal Schools in the state. Has the handsomest and most modern buildings, a well educated faculty, and a beautiful location. It also offers excellent courses in Music, Elocution, Shorthand, and has a thorough college preparatory department.
 Expenses absolutely lower than in any other institution of equal rank.
 Address for illustrated catalog, 8-8-6t. **THE PRINCIPAL.**

REDUCED RATES TO CENTRE HALL, PA.
 Via Pennsylvania Railroad, Account the Pennsylvania State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.
 Account the Pennsylvania State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, at Centre Hall, Pa., September 14 to 20, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Centre Hall, Pa., and return, at the rate of one fare for the round trip, from Harrisburg, Johnstown, Tyrone, Grantman, Bellefonte, Renovo, Lock Haven, Williamsport, Wilkesbarre, Sunbury, Mt. Carmel, Millersburg, and intermediate stations, including points on the Altoona, Cambria, and Clearfield and Lewistown Divisions. Tickets will be sold September 14 to 20, inclusive, good to return until September 21, inclusive; no tickets to be sold at a less rate than 25 cents. 8-20-2t.
 The Hayner Distilling Co., of Dayton, Ohio, will ship you four full quarts of Hayner's Seven-Year-Old Rye by express, charges prepaid, for \$3.50. See their advertisement, which appears elsewhere in this issue.

Prof. D. Noling
 Late with Dr. A. H. Wells,
 the CELEBRATED EYE SPECIALIST
 of Washington, D. C.
 Headquarters at Miller House, 123 East Market St., Lewistown, Pa.
 Consultation and thorough examination free of charge every Wednesday and Saturday. Glasses scientifically and skillfully fitted. Also all imperfections in the eyes of children carefully examined. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.
ARTIFICIAL EYES INSERTED. 33

Sheriff's Sale of REAL ESTATE.
 By virtue of a certain writ of Levari Facias, issued out of the court of common pleas of Snyder county Pa., and to me directed, I will expose in public sale at the court house in Middleburgh Pa., on
Saturday, September 28th, 1901,
 at 10 A. M. the following described Real Estate to wit:
 All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the Borough of Bell's Grove aforesaid, bounded and described as follows:
 Beginning at a point on Snyder Street, being a corner between lot of Henry Schoch and lot owned by The Bell's Grove Water Company, and being sixty feet east of the intersection of Snyder Street with a public alley; thence northwardly parallel with said alley along land of Henry Schoch fifty feet to a post; thence easterly parallel with Snyder Street along land of Henry Schoch sixty feet more or less to a post; thence northwardly along land of Henry Schoch parallel with said alley ninety feet to a post; thence eastwardly along land of G. & H. D. Schum; thence eastwardly along land of G. & H. D. Schum twenty five feet, more or less, to line of low water mark of Penna Creek; thence northwardly along line of low water mark of Penna Creek to point of intersection with Snyder Street; thence westwardly along Snyder Street sixty feet more or less, being the same lot or piece of ground which Henry Schoch & wife conveyed to The Bell's Grove Water Company.
 Also, all that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the township of Penns County and State aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a post along line of Cemetery Lane 32 feet south of public road leading from Bell's Grove to Middleburgh; thence along the eastern side of said Cemetery Lane, 100 feet to a post; thence east 100 feet to a post; thence along land of Lydia H. Ulrich, north 23 degrees east 180 feet to a post; thence west 140 feet to the place of Beginning; containing one half an acre, more or less; and also all the entire line of the water works on the site The Bell's Grove Water Company, including its reservoirs, engines, pumps, pipes, fixtures, fire plugs, and appurtenances, of every kind, together with all the personal property, rights, liberties, privileges, annuities and franchises of said Company, and all the rights of way owned, occupied and used, and all the said Company is authorized by law to take and use in the construction and enjoyment of its works, together with all tolls, taxes issued and profits thereof.
 Seized taken into execution and to be sold as the property of The Bell's Grove Water Company.
G. W. ROW, Sheriff.
 Sheriff's Office, Middleburgh, Pa., Sept. 21st 1901.
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 50 cents will be charged. Persons expecting to have sale should select a date and have it inserted in this column.
THURSDAY, SEPT. 26th, John Howell will sell household furniture at Middleburgh.

GREAT CLEARING OUT SALE
 I propose to sell out my entire stock of SEASONABLE MERCHANDISE at my store at Kantz—the place formerly occupied by Mrs. I. B. Romig. Bargains Offered Now.
 My stock is reduced to cost and below cost.
 Lancaster Gingham 5½c.
 Latest Style Shoes as low as 75c.
 Calicoes all marked down low.
 Freed Bros. Shoes—all sizes.
 These shoes are going rapidly. No wonder. The price is so low people can't help but pick up these bargains.
 These are Closing-out Bargains that come so seldom, you can not afford to miss them. It will pay you to travel 10 to 20 miles to take advantage of such figures.
 We will save you pocket-book from consumption and send you away wiser, happier and richer than ever before. Strike while the iron is hot and we will make your eyes dazzle with the multitude of bargains.
GEO. B. RINE,
 Kantz, Pa.