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COMMUNICATIONS.

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Announcement.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Commissioner subject to the rules of the Republican party. Your support is earnestly solicited.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. F. Mowrer of Derry township, as a candidate for County Commissioner subject to Decision of Republican county convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of Charles W. Cook of Valley township, as a candidate for County Commissioner subject to the decision of the Republican party.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the rules of the Republican party. Your support is earnestly solicited.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Chairman, subject to the rules of the Republican party. Your support is earnestly solicited.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Delegate to the State Convention, subject to the rules of the Republican party. Your support is earnestly solicited.

GEORGE W. CROMIS, JR.

PROGRAMS OF THE SCHOOLS

The commencement exercises of the Third Ward Grammar School, Prof. E. B. Barnett, principal, will be held at 2 o'clock next Thursday afternoon. The members of the grammar senior class are Katharine Gearhart, Helen Geise, Nellie Geise, Laura Mann, Martha McCloy, the Phillips, Wilbur Amesbury, Raymond Hauser, George Jacobs, and Stanley Morris. The colors of the class are pink and green, its motto is "Rowing not Drifting," and pink roses are the class flower. The following is the program:

- Commencement March
Singing "America"
Audience Salutatory "Welcome"
Hettie Parsel Vocal Duet "Love's Old Sweet Song"
Laura Mann, Martha McCloy Recitation "Mysteries Guest"
Stanley Morris Class History
Raymond Hauser Presentation of Diplomas
Female Chorus "Our Hunting Day"
Class Girls Third Honor "O Danville"
Recitation "The Curfew Shall Not Ring To-night"
Laura Mann Vocal Solo "Beautiful Stranlet"
Hettie Parsel Essay "Destruction of St. Pierre"
Wilbur Amesbury Recitation "Wreck of the Hesperus"
Nellie Geise Male Chorus "The Student's Way"
Class Boys Class Prophecy Katharine Gearhart Valdeictory "The Beauties of Nature"
Helen Geise Class Song "Farewell"
Dismissal
Another event in the public schools for next Thursday afternoon is the Garfield-Lincoln Literary society concert, which will be held in the High School room, beginning at 2 o'clock. The order of exercises will be as follows:
Piano Solo "Grand Valse de Concert"
Matti "Mary Law Declaration"
The Settlement of the North-West Territory"
John Mettler, (G) Declaration "The Philippines"
Sponser "Pursued Angle (L) Instrumental Trio "The Cairns"
Josephine Coussart, Anna Divel and May Books Recitation "The Sioux Chief's Daughter"
Olive Rank (G) Recitation "Jerry, the Hobbin Boy"
Bessie Hooley (L) Vocal Solo "In the Shade of the Palms"
Joaquin Miller "Debate Resolved," "That man is more powerful intellectually than woman."
Affirmative-Garfield, Charles Hartt, Hazel Harmon, George Maiers.
Negative-Lincoln, Howard Langer, Carlton McHenry, Raymond Herrington.
Violin Solo Selected
Frank Kemmer Decision of Judges.
Double Quartet Selected
Misses Coussart, Harmon, Books and Rank; Messrs. McHenry, Herrington, Hartt and Miller.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by internal remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflammation of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that can be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send or circulars, free.

P. J. CHENEY & CO., Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Want an Ideal Bartender. There is a novel advertisement in the Wilkes-Barre Record for a bartender. The person must be strictly temperate and not addicted to chewing tobacco, and it is not necessary for him to have previous experience. No man is wanted who is an encyclopedia on politics, horse racing or any other subject.

MAY SESSION OF COURT.

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torney R. S. Ammerman, literally sat around the table. They were as follows: Mary aged 21; Nellie and Lizzie, twins, aged 14; Bridget and Alice also twins, aged 10.

A number of witnesses were heard, among them being Mrs. John Nevius, Carrie Nevius, Mrs. Joseph Geringer, Mrs. William Geringer and Mrs. Benjamin Bookmiller for the common-law, and Mary and Ellie McDermott, and Mrs. John McDermott, mother of the defendants, for the defense. The testimony was widely at variance, although all agreed that there was a dreadful mix-up among the girls.

Mrs. William Gorringer was sure that Carrie was set upon by the whole boy of defendants, who beat her with stones, pulled her hair and injured her so badly that she was unable to stand and had to be assisted home. Witnesses for the defense testified that Carrie, herself, was the aggressor, calling the McDermott girls "nurses" and stating the first blow was struck by Harry Bars, an attorney for Mr. Nevius assisted District Attorney Welsh in the prosecution.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, dividing the costs between the prosecutor and defendant.

The case of Jacob Engle, the junk dealer, charged with receiving stolen brass, with the consent of all parties was continued until the next term.

Court adjourned yesterday afternoon to reconvene Saturday next for argument.

The case of Dornan Bros. vs. John G. Hughes, the jury for which was impaneled on Tuesday evening, proceeded to trial yesterday morning. It was soon disposed of, but one witness, T. B. Dorman, of Philadelphia, being examined. Judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff for \$120.

The afternoon session was very brief, merely long enough to acknowledge a sheriff's deed containing the transfer of a farm in Liberty township, the property of Peter M. Beyer, to James F. Ellis and John D. Ellis, Executors of Stephen Ellis, dec'd. Consideration \$150.

The Grand Jury presented its report Tuesday afternoon and was discharged from further attendance at Court. The report states that the sidewalk along the Court House property on West Market street is in bad repair and recommends that it be relaid or removed; also that the pump at the jail is out of order and should be repaired. It was also recommended that the County Commissioners furnish the jail with sufficient hose for street sprinkling purposes. The railing at the sidewalk on the river bridge was reported as in bad condition. The County Commissioners were advised to look after it at once.

Protected Home Circle. Danville's new proposed order, the Protected Home Circle, is now a certainty, having organized Monday evening at the residence of Mrs. J. C. No. 635 Front street, with twenty members. The charter will be kept open until June 20, and all who desire to become charter members are requested to apply at once.

The people of Danville are very enthusiastic over the new order and the prospects are that the local circle will gain rapidly in strength. Sunbury has a very large circle, which is constantly growing.

Deputy Clerk is preparing for an open meeting to be held June 20, when prominent members and a visiting team will be present. The circle will meet twice a month in the K. of P. hall.

The following officers have been chosen to serve the ensuing year: Past President, George Sandel; President, Rev. L. B. Twichell; Vice President, Edward Hunt; Secretary, Mrs. Della Cline; Treasurer, Thomas Kerns. Accountant, E. G. A. Cline; Guardian, Mrs. Ella Hunt; Chaplain, Mrs. Thomas Kerns; Guide, Thomas Kerns; Companion, Elizabeth Siminski; Porter, Frank Sandel; Watchman, Charles W. Gross.

The Citizens Should Meet. Editor American.-May is nearly over and the citizens of Danville should take prompt action for a rising Fourth of July celebration. A meeting of citizens and business men should be called at once for time is valuable and the earlier a start is made the more successful will be the celebration. Danville had a big time three years ago and should have another this year. The whole town will be benefited by a proper observance of the day here. The surrounding towns are waiting for Danville to start and are willing to help us along. Let a meeting be called now and let all the citizens and all the business men take such earnest interest as to make this Fourth the greatest ever seen in Danville.

A MERCHANT. What the Answers Were. The civil service examination yesterday and the perplexity of those taking it over some of the questions calls to mind a question and answers made in a big city some years ago. The class was asked to give the distance from the earth to the sun. One answer read: "I do not know the distance, but I do not think the sun is near enough to interfere with my duties if I get the job." A second applicant, who wanted to become a mail carrier, wrote this ultimatum: "If I have to go that far I don't want the job."

Delegate to General Synod. F. G. Schoch of the Pine Street Lutheran church, has been elected a delegate to the General Synod of the Lutheran church, which meets next spring in Baltimore. He will represent the Susquehanna Synod, which held its annual session in Berwick last week. W. D. Lannaster, also a member of the Pine Street church, was a delegate to the General Synod, which met in DeMoines, Iowa, last June.

RESULTS FROM BUYING AT OUR STORE. You get the most up-to-date goods. You get quality—our first consideration. You get the best goods at the lowest prices. You run no risk whatever in buying here for everything we sell we guarantee. Our strong points are Practical Knowledge of quality and buying at lowest cash prices. HENRY REMPE, Jeweler and Silversmith.

WEATHER WAS RATHER WINTRY

It has been many years since this section has been visited by such a cold wave as that of yesterday. Winter overcoats were worn by nearly every one and even gloves were a comfort. In many homes stoves had been re-lit to summer obscurity at home evening. The frigid atmosphere, however, caused the stoves to be quickly set up again and fires built. In some places a scarcity of coal necessitated wood fires. In stores, hotels and offices the furnaces were fired up and the steam sent hissing through the pipes. The thermometer got as low as 50 degrees, but fortunately there was no frost. The cold wave seems to have reached its limit and the welcome rays of the sun yesterday afternoon broke the temporary reign of winter. The western part of the state got it even worse than here. Snow fell in the Allegheny mountains at Cumberland, Md., Graham, W. Va., and Berlin, Pa., an inch of snow fell and there was a heavy hail storm, accompanied by lightning.

Whooping Cough. A woman who has had experience with this disease, tells how to prevent any dangerous consequences from it. She says: "Our three children took whooping cough last summer, our baby boy being only three months old, and owing to our giving them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, they lost none of their plumpness and came out in much better health than other children whose parents did not use this remedy. Our oldest little girl would call lustily for cough syrup between whoops. —JESSIE PINKNEY HALL, Springville, Ala. This remedy is for sale by Paules & Co., No. 342 Mill street."

Commencement Exercises. The annual commencement of the Danville High School will be held in the Opera House on Friday evening, June 6. This is an event of great importance to the graduates, the realization of years of study, the attainment of a cherished goal and the ending of their public school life. To the parents and relatives of the seniors the time of graduation is looked upon as the reward of diligence, and the deserved honors to those who cherish and love. There are fourteen members in the class of '02. The program of the commencement is as follows: Overture "Banquet" Schlegelgrell Invocation Rev. George E. Lambert Salutatory Oration "The Future of the World" Will Never Grind With the Water that is Past" Elsie Sainsbury Oration "The Dignity of Labor" William Bailey Recitation in the German "From Wilhelm Tell" Walter Gross Class History "The Tale of the Kangaroo" From the Burgomaster Oration "What is the American Giving his Life to Gain" Luella Werkheiser Oration in the Latin "Catalina's Last Address to His Soldiers" Annie Childs Oration "Between Scylla and Charybdis" Harry Gaskins Class Prophecy Alice Small Waltz "Prayer and Passion" Grimm Oration "The Future of the World" Sarah Unger Oration "The Honor of Dawn" Blanche Rifled Mantle Oration "Jean Curry Acceptance of Mantle" Arthur Campbell (G) Selection From "Hurdy Burly" John Stronberger Presentation Joy Brader Consorship John Corman Valdeictory Oration "Canada and England" John McCatroy Selection "Zephyrette" Orchestra Address to Graduates James Scarlet, Esq. Two-Step Selected Orchestra

Sciatic Rheumatism Cured After Fourteen Years of Suffering. "I have been afflicted with sciatic rheumatism for fourteen years," says Josh Edgar, of Germantown, Cal. "I was able to be around but constantly suffered. I tried everything I could hear of and at last was told to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I did and was immediately relieved and in a short time cured and I am happy to say it has not since returned. Why not use this liniment and get well? It is for sale by Paules & Co., No. 342 Mill street."

Another Saturday Game. There will be a great game of base ball at DeWitt's Park Saturday morning between teams from the Shovel Works and the Stone Works. The Shovel Works club intends purchasing handsome uniforms.

Fight is Waxing Warm. The Democratic primaries in this county will be held on Saturday afternoon, June 7, and considerable interest is being taken in them because of the fight being waged for the Congressional endorsement. Hon. C. H. Dickerman of Milton, and Hon. A. L. Fritz of Bloomsburg, are both desirous of being the Democratic nominee in the district and this county is the key to the situation. Both candidates are making a personal canvass and both are confident of victory.

No Loss of Time. I have sold Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for years, and would rather be without coffee and sugar than it. I sold five bottles of it yesterday to threshers that could go no farther, and they are at work again this morning. —H. R. PHELPS, Plymouth, Oklahoma. As will be seen by the above the threshers were able to keep on with their work without losing a single day of time. You should keep a bottle of this Remedy in your home. For sale by Paules & Co., 342 Mill street.

Water Bond Holders Take Notice. The town council of the borough of Danville has called water bonds No. 2, 1, 6 and 7. Persons holding the above numbers will present them for payment July 1st, 1902. Interest will cease at that time. HARRY ELLENBOGEN, Treasurer.

College of Music. The summer term of this well known school of music will begin July 1st, six weeks instruction and board for \$33. As all schools have vacation at this time, it gives an opportunity to school children and teachers to attend. Parents desiring a home-like school for their children should send for catalogue to HENRY B. MOYER, FREEBURG, PA.

Pythian Light Shines. A handsome new light has been put up at the entrance to the hall of Beaver Lodge, No. 132, Knights of Pythias, on Mill street. The sides of the ornamental globe bear the letters "K. of P." and the number of the lodge. A soft light of red sheds its rays as a beacon to Knights seeking the castle hall of their brethren.

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Walter L. Main's Big Circus.

Time and again, in the interest of inferior and disreputable shows, the report has been industriously circulated that the greater ones divide when exhibiting in other than the bigger cities. The great Walter L. Main circus shows which appear in Sunbury on Thursday, June 6, having frequently had this malicious slander leveled at it, not only denies it point blank and in toto, but offers a substantial reward for the arrest and conviction of any person circulating the same, and furthermore, will pay a round sum for proof that any tent show was ever divided and its separate parts exhibited in different places on the same day. The thing is a preposterous, physical impossibility for many reasons, which ought to be self-evident to any sensible person. The question of the hour aside, the management of the great show named believe it to be sound and profitable business policy to do as they advertise and to always and everywhere treat their patrons justly and impartially. In the long run it does not pay to omit promised features or acts, or curtail performances, and the Walter L. Main enterprise is organized to stay and has stood on its own merits for a quarter of a century, under the one and same management, which is more than any other circus can claim, and it is recognized as the oldest Big Show with the newest feature of all traveling exhibitions.

Two performances, at 2 and 3 p. m. Doors open an hour earlier. Seating capacity 10,000; 25 uniformed ushers. Grandest and biggest tents ever seen, absolutely water and fire proof.

Danville's Share. Among the states in the amount of life insurance claims paid during 1901 Pennsylvania stands second the sum being \$25,438,558, New York being first with \$43,448,810; Massachusetts third with \$16,377,009. Among Pennsylvania towns where claims aggregating \$25,000 or over were paid during 1901 were: Williamsport, \$181,340; Bellefonte, \$27,877; Danville, \$71,999; Lock Haven, \$27,104; Milton, \$26,567; Shamokin, \$20,134; Towanda, \$29,051; Wellsboro, \$28,432; Tamaqua, \$48,829.

Straightening the Creek. A force of workmen under track foreman Harry Freese are engaged in straightening Blizzard's run in the vicinity of Boyer's Coal yard. Owing to its sharp curves the stream at that point washes the banks very badly and encroaches pretty closely upon the D. & W. track. By going away with the curves, it is thought that washing will be prevented.

Repairing Railroad Embankment. Supervisor H. W. Stahl with the roadway department train and a force of men was at work yesterday near Blue Hill, above South Danville, rip-rapping the railroad embankment. The bank was badly torn out last spring by the ice brought down by the flood and this stone work is being put in to prevent such damage in the future.

Will Close Memorial Day. There will be no local freight trains run over the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad on Memorial Day. The freight station in this city will consequently be closed the entire day.

Are Out of Muck Iron. The Twenty-inch mill at the Reading Iron Works is shut down because there is not sufficient muck iron on hand to keep it running. If an expected shipment arrives the mill may start up to-day.

Morning Sabbath School. On Sunday the Mahoning Presbyterian Sabbath school will change its time from afternoon to 9 o'clock in the morning.

An Extensive Orchard. Francis J. Woll, who recently purchased a large tract of land on Montour Ridge, adjoining his farm, has planted 1250 peach, apple and plum trees. He has also planted in a lot of current bushes and will have one of the finest fruit farms in this section.

It looks like a long and bitter struggle between the mine owners and their employees in the anthracite region. The wholesalers in the larger cities are already demanding cash from the retail merchants in the mining regions and they in turn are restricting trade. Such a strike reaches out in many directions and causes suffering and business embarrassment far beyond the territory in which it is located.

Bronchitis. "I have kept Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my house for a great many years. It is the best medicine in the world for coughs and colds." J. C. Williams, Arica, N. Y. All serious lung troubles begin with a tickling in the throat. You can stop this at first in a single night with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Use it also for bronchitis, consumption, hard colds, and for coughs of all kinds. Consult your doctor. If he says take it then do as he says. If he tells you not to take it, do not take it. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is sold by Dr. J. C. Williams, Lowell, Mass.

Played Spring Time Music.

The street piano man came to town yesterday. His advent is usually considered a sure sign of spring, but in this instance the cold wave proscribed thoughts of balmy weather. Despite the cool weather the piano man merrily played pouring forth the music whether spring was here or not.

The excursion season is fast approaching when people will put on holiday attire and go forth in crowds hopeful and happy in the gladness morning to return tired and begrimed in the solemn and gloomy night. The picnic and excursion however fills a long felt want. It teaches people for peace and comfort and happiness there is no place like home.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.

How To Find Out. Fill a bottle or common glass with water and let it stand twenty-four hours. If a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys, it is evidence of kidney trouble and too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also evidence of kidney trouble. It is necessary to be kept in mind during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extra-ordinary effects of Swamp-Root of the Living Kidney Pills, the highest of its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Swamp-Root of the Living Kidney Pills is sold by druggists in 50c. and \$1. sizes. You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful discovery and a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail, to the address: Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper.

What to Do. There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects acidity, holds water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effects of Swamp-Root of the Living Kidney Pills, the highest of its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Swamp-Root of the Living Kidney Pills is sold by druggists in 50c. and \$1. sizes. You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful discovery and a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail, to the address: Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper.

CHARTER NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MONTEUR COUNTY. Notice is hereby given that an application was made to the said Court on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1902 at 9:30 o'clock a. m. under the Corporation Act of the Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Four, and the supplements thereto, by James Fitzgerald, William Pickens, Francis Hartman and Silas H. Derry, for the charter of a corporation to be called Montour Rolling Mills, Department, Beneficial Association of the Reading Iron Works, the charter and object of which is the establishing, maintaining and managing a fund for the payment of definite amounts to the members thereof, and the constituting, settling and settling of their families or relatives, and also, for the payment of definite amounts to the members of the association upon the death of their wives, or in the event of their death, as stipulated in the By-Laws; and for these purposes, powers and authorities, which are the rights, benefits and privileges conferred by the said Act and its Supplements. The above application was filed in the Prothonotary's Office at Danville to No. 41 of May Term, 1902. JAMES SCARLET, Solicitor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT OF MONTEUR COUNTY. In the matter of the first and final account of William C. Runyan, Administrator of the estate of Estabrook Johnson, deceased, in and for the County of Derry, County of Montour and State of Pennsylvania, deceased. The undersigned, appointed and for by the court, do hereby certify that the balance in the hands of the said administrator and the balance thereon, will attend to the duties of his said appointment as the Administrator of the estate of the said Johnson, in and for the County of Derry, County of Montour and State of Pennsylvania, deceased, on Monday, June 24th, 1902 at 10 o'clock a. m. in the Court House in the City of Danville, Pa., where all persons having claims against the said estate are required to present them, and the same or be barred from coming in upon the said fund. WILLIAM L. SHELTER, Auditor Danville, Pa.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

State of Hiram Blecher, Late of the County of Danville in the County of Montour and State of Pennsylvania, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration of the above estate were granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment, and those having claims against the said estate will make known the same, without delay, to the undersigned. MARTHA M. BLECHER, Administratrix of Hiram Blecher, Deceased.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Estate of Jacob R. Stine, late of the Township of West Hemlock, in the County of Montour and State of Pennsylvania, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the above estate was granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment, and those having claims against the said estate will make known the same, without delay, to the undersigned. MCKELVEY STINE, Administrator of the Estate of Jacob R. Stine, deceased, P. O. Address, Sunbury, Pa. EDWARD SAVER GEAHART, Counsel.

Points to Farmers About DIEHL'S CONDITION POWDER.

Mr. Manning's Gratitude. Mrs. Manning—Do you think it is right to let the children follow keep company with our Martha? Mr. Manning—No, I can't say it is so. Young Greyson is a nice chap, but I've a grudge against his father, and I don't care if the son has to suffer for it.—Boston Transcript.

Painted Pantry Shelves. A couple of coats of white enamel paint on the shelves of the pantry does away with the necessity for shelf paper, and the result is much more satisfactory.

Picking. When pickling, always use the strongest vinegar and have it scalding hot, as cold vinegar becomes rye and will not keep.

NEW YORK TRIBUNE FARMER. For sixty years the NEW-YORK TRIBUNE FARMER has been a national weekly newspaper, read almost entirely by farmers, and has earned the confidence and support of the American people in a way never attained by any other paper. THE NEW-YORK TRIBUNE FARMER is made absolutely for farmers and their families. Its first number was issued November 18th, 1836. Every department of agricultural country is covered by special contributors who are leaders in their respective lines. The paper is published every week, except on public holidays, and is sent to subscribers free of charge. It is a valuable source of information for all farmers, and is a must for every farmer's household. Send your subscriptions and money to THE NEW-YORK TRIBUNE FARMER, Danville, Pa.

THE BURNED WILL THE EGG STEALER

By Arthur Quiller-Couch.

It wanted less than an hour to high tide when Miss Marty Lear heard her brother's boat grate on the narrow beach below the garden and set the knives and glasses straight while she listened for the rattle of the garden gate.

"When he entered the kitchen and hunched his hat upon the peg against the wall, he did not appear to want any welcome from her. He was a long-jawed man of sixty-five, she a long-jawed woman of sixty-one, and they understood each other, having kept this small and desolate farm together for twenty years—since their father's death.

"What do you reckon I ran against to-day down in Troy?" Miss Marty said as she had not an idea. "Why, that fellow Amos Trudgeon," he went on. "Yes?" "Pears to be your disremembered son—of old Jane Trudgeon that used to live 'cross the water, him that stole our eggs long back, when father was livin'."

"I remember." "I thought you must. Why, you gave evidence, to be sure. He dashed, now I come to mind, if you wasn't the first to wake us up as 'say you heard a man cryin' out down 'pon the moor'?" "Yes, I was."

"An' I'm going to sell the farm next week and come to tell you, so you can create these premises," said he while watching the effect his words had upon the face before him. "You are going to sell the farm?" repeated Maria in a dazed way, trying to realize all that meant for her. "Yes, I need the money and must have it."

"But where can I go?" "That you must decide for yourself. You have had a good home here for fifteen years, and it is about time you began to get your own living."

"But father Winthrop never intended to leave me destitute. He told me that he had made a will providing for me, and it will surely be found."

Duncan Winthrop smiled and pulled from his pocket a paper which he opened and held up for Maria to see. It was not such an elaborate affair as wills are nowadays, but a small sheet of letter paper, on which were written in a few words as possible John Winthrop's wishes in regard to the disposal of his estate after his death and signed by three witnesses.

"Is that the will?" questioned Maria in astonishment. "That is the will," was the curt reply. "Where did you get it?" "I stole it. Do you think I would let any one else get possession of it? It makes all the difference in the world to me who has it, and to make myself wholly safe I think I'll destroy it now."

So saying, he walked to the kitchen stove, where a small fire was burning, and placing the open paper upon the coals, stood and watched the flames devour it. Marie, spellbound, watched it die.

"I shall inform Lawyer Ferris immediately what you have done," she exclaimed as the last bit of flame flickered out. "Will you?" returned Duncan, with a laugh, replacing the cover upon the stove. "And how will you prove it, for I shall say I believe it."

"Perhaps, but as long as my eyes can prove nothing I can snap my fingers at what they believe. So now you may see it will be necessary for you to do as you would have me do. You left the house, and Marie stood irresolutely watching him pass down the road out of sight.

Maria Richards stood looking from the kitchen window of the New England farmhouse that had sheltered her for the past fifteen years. Her uncle and aunt, the Winthrops, had adopted her when she was left an orphan two years of age, and she had never regretted it, for she had been a joy and comfort to them in their home, while their only child, a son, had brought to them nothing but sorrow. Mr. Winthrop had spent his life perfecting his farm, of which he was very proud, and the thought that after his death his son Duncan would squander it away in a very short time so vexed him that after his wife's death he made a will giving everything he had to his adopted daughter, Marie, excepting \$1,000 bequeathed to his son. The whole neighborhood knew that such a will had been made, but now that the old man was dead and buried it was not to be found, and Duncan's name was mentioned in whispers of foul play.