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REMEMBER,

No old shop-worn or second-hand had goods. Everything new and up-to-date.

SPECIALTIES!

Couches, \$5.75; sideboards, \$10.00; Parlor Suites, \$18.00; Chairs sold at prices that always please our customers.

TRY US and be your own judge, and let us C U B A customer of ours.

Johnson & McCulloh,
ELK LICK, PENNA.

NEW GOODS

—AND—

LOW PRICES!

We have largely increased our stock of goods and are better prepared than ever to

ACCOMMODATE THE PUBLIC.

We want your trade and we will do our best to make it profitable and interesting for you to do business with us.

Our Shoe Department

is full of MEN'S, LADIE'S, CHILDREN'S and SCHOOL SHOES; MENS', LADIE'S and CHILDREN'S RUBBERS and ARCTICS.

UNDERWEAR

for everybody and a full line of MEN'S and BOYS' FALL and WINTER CLOTHING.

Very Respectfully,

Barchus & Livengood,
Salisbury, Penna.

WATCHES!



The Cook Jewellery store has the largest line of Watches in the county, in all sizes and makes, from the five-year to the thirty-year cases.

Should You Desire

a high grade movement, I call your attention to the new Hamilton R. R. movement, 17-jeweled, adjusted to heat and cold 18 and 16 sizes. Finest and cheapest line of STERLING SILVER NOVELTIES.

Rings, Chains, Bracelets,

Guards, Pins, etc. We have the finest display of rings for ladies and gentlemen (Opals) and can furnish Diamonds at a big discount.

H. M. Cook,
Jeweler and Graduate Optician,
Center St., MEYERSDALE, PA.

REV. DR. LYMAN ABBOTT, owing to failing health, resigned his charge as pastor of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, last Sunday. Abbott was the successor of the eloquent Henry Ward Beecher, and like Beecher he has ever been a very liberal-minded man. He has always been outspoken against narrow-minded prejudice, and to such men belongs the credit of making the world better and more enlightened. The world will advance and become better as intolerance, bigotry and superstition is blotted out.

The League of American Wheelmen now has more members in Pennsylvania than any other state. For a long time New York was the banner L. A. W. state, but Pennsylvania, according to Secretary Bassett's last report, now leads the Empire state by 115 members. One of the principal objects of the L. A. W. is to secure legislation for the building and maintaining of good and substantial roads. Along this line the organization has been doing much good in some of the states, and nowhere is there more room for road improvement than in Pennsylvania. The L. A. W. is a good thing; help it along.

The Somerset Herald last week tried to make people believe that the old Scull gang voted solidly for Hicks, two years ago, and that the anti-Scull faction voted solidly for Thropp. What a fool "Timmie" is, anyhow! The majority of both factions voted for Hicks, two years ago, as "Timmie" well knows. But this year it was different, and at the last election Mr. Thropp had the solid support of the anti-Scull faction, while many of the old Scull gang voted for and worked for the Democratic candidate. A number of the old Scull heeleders were working for the Democratic candidate all day in Salisbury and Elk Lick, as all men here know, and it is believed that they did so under private instructions from their boss. "Timmie" Scull can pretend that he supported the whole Republican ticket if he wants to, but the people will believe as much of it as they please. "Timmie" is a great pretender, but his actions do not accord with his words. There is such a thing as pretending to be loyal to a candidate and secretly supporting him with a knife, and "Timmie" knows how it is done.

MACHINE exhibits have been billed for Chester, Lackawanna, Montgomery, Blair and other counties, with the opening in Chester. There a majority of the voters elected anti-Quay legislators, and the machine has determined to contest the election. It is not denied that the anti-Quay candidates were the choice of the people, but the Quayites claim the people had no right to vote for men whose names were on the ballots more than twice, and that when they were voted for the election officers had no right to aggregate their votes. In other words they claim that the people had no right to elect anti-Quay legislators when Quay was a candidate for the Senate, and this is Quayism pure and simple. The Chester county machinists are not so resourceful as those of Somerset county, else they would have nipped the will of the people in the bud by calling off the election. If they had done this and then ordered in a supply of Barker liniment, they would have had the pesky anti-Quayites foul, and they would have been spared the present exhibition. Just what effect this liniment would have where only a part of the people are to be disfranchised we do not know, but for wholesale purposes it has a reputation.—Somerset Standard.

A Century of Development.

Pittsburg Times.

The Twentieth century would be the one to live in if it were possible for the individual to have a pick. The world has moved ahead just far enough that civilization and development can now begin in earnest. It is to be the century of great things and of new forces. The Siberian railroad which Russia is already constructing through Asia is one of the big engineering schemes that will mark the beginning of the century. The French cabinet has just authorized a loan of 160,000,000 francs to establish an Indo-Chinese system of railroads that shall connect with the Chinese roads. In Africa, Great Britain is pushing her railroad system northward from the Cape, until it is nearly in the heart of the continent now, while France, to hold her grip on the vast new field, is projecting an east and west railroad through the middle of the Sudan. Already American capital has been associated with a long railroad in the eastern part of China. The Nicaragua canal is among the probabilities of the new century, while the canals that are to be built in Eu-

rope will make navigation possible in the heart of Russia.

The territory that will be opened to commerce and development by the schemes already outlined will be beyond conception, as the results will be also. And what is the most remarkable is that some of the projected railroads will be built. It is doubtful if any section of the globe will be inaccessible in 50 years more, and when distance shall be thus annihilated nothing is too wonderful to predict for the first half of the coming century. Happy the child who is young enough to live to see what this period has in store.

Treachery Exposed.

Philadelphia Press.

The figures showing the vote for Governor and for Congress in the Twenty-seventh District, where Charles W. Stone was defeated by the demagogue Sibley, are most significant. We give it by counties:—

	Governor.		Congress.	
	W. A.	C. W.	Stone.	Sibley.
Counties.	Stone.	Jenks.	Stone.	Sibley.
Cameron.....	762	530	849	561
EcKean.....	375	2425	3546	3906
Warren.....	3933	5598	3969	3498
Venango.....	4091	4518	3434	9069
Totals.....	12151	10671	11798	14634

While W. A. Stone, for Governor, had a plurality in the district of 2080, C. W. Stone, for Congress, was beaten by 2236. This is a conspicuous display of treachery that will be long remembered.

START RIGHT AT HARRISBURG.

High Compliment to One of the Assemblymen-elect from Somerset County.

Philadelphia Times.

While scores of thousands of Pennsylvania Republicans voted the party State ticket from necessity rather than from choice, because of fear of disturbing business conditions, the revolutions wrought in many of the Legislative districts clearly indicate that the people of this State demand thorough and practical reform from the next Legislature. How is it to be accomplished?

The way to make a certainty of accomplishing good results is to start right, and everything will depend upon the organization of the next House of Representatives. If it shall be organized in the interest of faction or of individual power, the discreditable record of the last Legislature would more than likely be repeated. If it shall be organized squarely in the interest of reform, unwise or profligate legislation would be surely averted. The people are in earnest on this issue, and if the Legislature shall fail to meet their wishes the Republican party must suffer immeasurably.

The best way to organize the House would be for the Republican leaders of all shades to select a member who combines the highest character and ability to fill the Speaker's chair. Who that man is could not be a matter of dispute. William H. Koontz of Somerset, is unquestionably the foremost man of the body. He is not only without his peer in intellectual force, but his well-known integrity and courage would at once settle all doubts as to an honest organization of the committees, on the basis of the respective merits of the members, and thus assure prompt and faithful action on every question brought before the body.

General Koontz is a Republican, elected on the regular Republican ticket, to which he gave his support from Governor to Auditor, and it should be the pride of the Republican leaders to demand for State reform by making General Koontz the nominee of the Republican caucus for Speaker and thus organize the House on a basis that could not fail to command the confidence of every good citizen.

If the Republican leaders shall refuse to organize the House by the distinct recognition of ability, integrity and devotion to reform, the friends of reform should organize the House themselves. The Republican leaders have every opportunity to do it, and if they shall refuse, it would be a challenge to the reform sentiment of the State to meet the issue in the crucial battle for the control of the House in the interests of machine politics or in the interests of the people.

If the Democrats are to be a respected party with any hope of successful battles in the future, they must stand as solid as the walls of Gibraltar in favor of State reform and be ready to give a solid vote to attain the result. If they are to be mere hevers of wood and drawers of water for machine leaders, as were many of the Democrats in the last Legislature, they must end all claim to popular respect for the Democratic organization of the State.

We believe that there are quite enough of honest reform members of the House to force the Republican

leaders to an organization of the body in the interest of the people. They cannot do it by passive opposition or perfunctory protest. They can do it only by declaring that if the Republican party will not organize the House in the interest of reform, the reform members of the House of every political faith must do it themselves. The only way to plant the next Legislature squarely on the basis of respect for the popular will, is to start right.

SPAIN YIELDS.

All of "Uncle Sam's" Demands Complied With.

The treaty of peace with Spain is now completed. Spain has accepted "Uncle Sam's" offer of \$20,000,000, and at a joint session of the Peace Commissions, last Monday afternoon, consented without condition to relinquish Cuba and to cede Porto Rico, Guam and the Philippine Islands. The concession was not made without protests, but because Spain can fight no longer. The next step will be to adjust other questions, such as the acquisition of a naval station in the Caroline Islands, etc.

Now that it is all over, one can not help but feel a certain amount of pity for the poor deluded people of old tottering, staggering Spain. It was a spectacle for gods and men to see such a puny, ignorant, superstitious nation to resist by force of arms the just demands of a great nation like the United States. Spain's honor, which the Dons imagined they had to defend, was only imaginary honor, for that country never knew what real honor meant. The Anglo-Saxon people are revolutionizing the world, and to this people the world owes its greatest debt of gratitude. Before this people superstition, tyranny, ignorance and intolerance have been melting away as snow beneath the rays of the noontide sun. Anglo-Saxon blood is the enlightening force of the world, and to have this blood in your veins is more to be desired than to occupy a throne and tyrannize over an ignorant people like the Spanish.

Somerset County Men Honored.

Among the promotions recently made in the United States Navy, according to a late Washington dispatch, two Somerset county men were among those honored by promotion, as follows:

Captain Henry F. Picking from Captain to Commodore, and Chester M. Knepper from a Junior Lieutenant to Lieutenant.

Somerset county is honored by these promotions, and in behalf of the county THE STAR extends congratulations.

An Electric Man.

Wynantsburg Rocket.

Near Vestal there lives a remarkable freak, Henry Longman. Three years ago, during a storm, he was engaged in gathering tan-bark, when the tree from which he was taking it was struck by lightning. Longman receiving a severe shock. It transformed him into a genuine electric man. Anyone who shakes hands with him now receives a noticeable shock. By passing the blade of a knife between his thumb and finger during the progress of a storm he charges the metal so strongly that heavy weights can be lifted. When flies alight upon him they drop dead, and when he is in a dark room sparks flash from his flesh and his eyes shine like incandescent lights. Whenever a storm approaches, Longman becomes highly charged with electricity, and is dangerous to touch. He claims to feel no inconvenience, except that he will not go near a moving locomotive for fear of being drawn against it and killed.

Engin 717 Elopes.

Connellsville Courier.

B. & O. engine No. 717 needs watching. She has a habit of running off without her master that gets her into trouble, and sometimes into the river. This happened Sunday night. While she was standing on the ash siding in the lower yards near the Sodom shops, she suddenly took it into her head to get a move on, and she did. She pulled out, and before any person could get on board, she headed straight for the end of the siding, which terminates on a little bluff, twelve feet above the Youghiogheny river. With a devilish tilt of her tender she leaped off the end of the siding down into the water and buried her nose in the mud at the bottom. The coal continued to run down into her fire box from the tilted tender, and she didn't want to stop even after making her Steve Brodie leap. Workmen have been getting "No. 717, Elop-er," back on the track in pieces.

Minute Cough Cure, cures. That is what it was made for.

How to Tell an Oyster's Age.

Fishing Gazette.

He who wishes may find out the exact age of an oyster, though he has not the telltale evidence in teeth. The lines in the groove of the hinge of the shell tell the whole story, each line representing a year. An oyster is of age at four years—that is, he is old enough to vote, take care of a family and go to market. Going to market is a disastrous undertaking, for a four-year old oyster is particularly palatable. By this it must not be supposed that after an oyster has passed the four-layer period, and has five, six or even 10 wrinkles on his shell, he is a back number. Indeed, there are records of oysters being eaten just after celebrating their 30th birthday, and in most cases they formed a delicious meal. Thirty is an unusual age for an oyster to attain, because few are given an opportunity to live so long. If left to enjoy life in his own way, it is quite probable that the oyster would become an octogenarian or even a centenarian. Capt. Cochran on his last trip to Fulton market, New York, brought in an oyster found in his beds that is believed to be at least 35 years old.

Law Governing Hunting and Gunning in Maryland.

As there are many Pennsylvanians who hunt game in Maryland and are not familiar with the Maryland laws, we reproduce the following from the Acts of 1892, pages 874-875.

SECTION 136.—Every person who shall upon any pretense whatever, come to hunt with gun or dog upon the lands of another, without leave or license from the owner or possessor thereof first had and obtained, shall for every such offense, forfeit and pay to the party aggrieved the sum of \$5, to be recovered before a justice of the peace in the name of the State; and in default of payment of fine, shall be committed to the county jail for not more than twenty days, nor less than one day, this section not to apply to Dorchester, Harford and Talbot counties.

How to Cure Meats.

E. M. Todd, of Virginia, whose cured hams have given his product a reputation that sells them whenever offered, gives the following description of his method of curing.

1. The hams are placed in a tray of fine Liverpool salt, then the flesh surface is sprinkled with finely ground, crude saltpetre, until the hams are so white as though covered with moderate frost—or say use three or four pounds of the powdered saltpetre to the thousand pounds of green hams.

2. After applying the saltpetre, immediately salt with the Liverpool fine salt, covering well the entire surface. Now pack the hams in bulk, but not in pile more than three feet high. In ordinary weather the hams should remain thus for three days.

3. Then break bulk and resalt with fine salt. The hams thus salted and resalted should now remain in salt in bulk one day for each and every pound each ham weighs; that is, a ten-pound ham should remain ten days, and in such proportion of time for larger and smaller sizes.

4. Next you wash it in tepid water until the hams are thoroughly cleaned, and, after partially drying, rub the entire surface with finely ground black pepper.

5. Now the hams should be hung in the smoke house, and this important operation begun. The smoking should be very gradually and slowly done, lasting thirty or forty days.

5. After the hams are cured and smoked, they should be re-peppered to guard against vermin, and then bagged. These hams are improved with age, and the Todd hams are in perfection when one year old.—Ex.

Then and Now.

Country Publisher.

Newspapers are a great convenience to men and women. Formerly when an article was wanted a trip to the store was necessary in order to ascertain if the commodity was in stock and if the price was suitable. Now a glance at the advertising columns direct a man where to make his purchases and he loses no time in finding a merchant to supply his wants. At one time men came to ask of a merchant what he had, but now a merchant must tell the people what he has. This has been accomplished by the newspaper, it being the best means of communication.

CARTRIDGE PAPER!—The miners can get enough Cartridge Paper for a few cents, at THE STAR office, to last them for several months.