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No. 47, Daily ..... 11:15 A. M.
No. 49, Daily ..... 3:21 P. M.

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No. 46 Daily ..... 4:46 P. M.
No. 14, Daily ..... 10:54 A. M.

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Spectacles for 50 cts. Have your eyes correctly fitted by a practical optician, wide experiece. T. W. GURLEY, The Jeweler and Optician. Meyersdale, Pa.

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Long practical experience has especially fited us for this work.
Thanking you for past favors we solicit a continuance of the same.
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Digests what you eat.
It artificially digests the food and aids Nature in strengthening and reconstructing the exhausted digestive organs. It is the latest discovered digestant and tonic. No other preparation can approach it in efficiency. It instantly relieves and permanently cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Heartburn, Flatulence, Sour Stomach, Nausea, Sick Headache, Gastralgia, Cramps, and all other results of imperfect digestion
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That the diseases of domestic animals, HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, DOGS, HOGS, and POULTRY, are cured by Humphreys' Veterinary Specifics, is as true as that people ride on railroads, send messages by telegraph, or sew with sewing machines. It is as irrational to bottle, ball and bleed animals in order to cure them, as it is to take passage in a sloop from New York to Albany. Used in the best stables and recommended by the U. S. Army Cavalry Officers.
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HUMPHREYS' HOMEOPATHIC SPECIFIC No. 28
In use 30 years. The only successful remedy for
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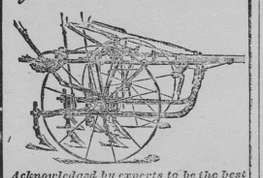
You loosen the catch the Horses do the rest.



Acknowledged by experts to be the best Riding Cultivator on earth.
This Cultivator is always balanced when the shovels are both in and out of the ground. Both gangs are raised automatically at one time, by horse power, by this same movement the position of the Axle is changed to equalize the weight, and prevent pole from flying up, and in addition has all other advantages.
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Made in all the different style gangs.
Write for catalogue giving full description to
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Just received, at THE STAR office, a nice line of Visiting Cards.

☞WEDDING Invitations at THE STAR office. A nice new stock just received. tf.

MORE TROUBLE FOR THE MACHINE

Philadelphia Machine Men at Odds and the Anti-Quay Vote Still Grows.

MARTIN IS URGED FOR CONGRESS.

The Results of the Primaries in the Various Counties Show Great Anti-Quay Gains—Fraud Practiced by the Machine in Close Counties—A Red Hot Fight in Franklin County.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Harrisburg, March 13.—Despite the prophecies of political friends Mr. Quay is not finding his pathway into the senate an easy journey. His case was held up in the senate again last week by the press of more important matters, and it is probable that it will drag its length along for several weeks to come, unless it comes to a vote this week purely through the regular channels.

The trusts and corporations of the country are still conducting the warfare in favor of Quay against the precedents of the senate and the law of the country. Senators find their mail filled every day with beseeching and threatening letters from men connected with the trusts urging them to vote for the admission of Mr. Quay, because he is recognized as their friend.

The primary elections for the nomination of state senators, members of the legislature and delegates to the state convention were held in a number of counties since my last letter was written. In only one instance was there a weakness in the anti-Quay line shown. Lancaster county went as usual with the machine. Nobody expected it to go any other way, for the anti-Quay people made no fight in the county. In Union county the machine candidate was nominated by the narrow margin of 71 votes, and these are openly charged to have been fraudulent. A wonderful gain was made in Union county, as shown by this result. It is possible that the vote may be contested in the county.

In Lawrence county the Quay candidates escaped by the same narrow majority. Here also open fraud is charged, and a contest which will show up the whole iniquity of the machine work will be instituted.

In Armstrong county, with all its machine patronage, the home of United States District Attorney Heiner, the machine forces were routed and an anti-Quay senator, McNees, and an anti-Quay member of the legislature, Crawford, were chosen. In every county but Mercer and Lancaster, where no fight was made, the anti-Quay voters manfested their strength as they have never done before.

In every county where the machine controls they are using the caucus club to force anti-Quay Republicans out of the field. The machine forgets how often Quay or how frequently his leaders in Philadelphia, like ex-Sheriff Crow, have openly bolted conventions and allied themselves with Democrats. A sample of the so-called "irregular Republicans" can be found in Washington county, where men who have been Republicans all their lives, and are still Republicans, are being denounced as un-Republican because they refuse to follow the leadership of Quay.

DAVID MARTIN FOR CONGRESS.

The death of Congressman Harmer, the "Father of the house," in Philadelphia last week will work many changes in the politics of that city. State Senator David Martin will likely be returned to congress from this district. He can go to congress from the district if he desires, for he controls the district. If he does not go to Washington he will at least name Mr. Harmer's successor. Mayor Ashbridge is in perfect harmony with Senator Martin, and is urging that the Philadelphia anti-Quay leader step into the late Mr. Harmer's seat.

All is not harmony in the Philadelphia Quay camp by any means. Within the past two weeks dissensions have arisen that threaten to wreck the Quay followers. Mr. Kindred, who is the agent of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, Harbor Master Clemmer and Theodore B. Stulb have had a serious falling out with Insurance Commissioner Durham and Ward Leader James P. McNichol. It is said that the differences are of such a character that they cannot be harmonized, and that a split in the Quay Republican ranks in Philadelphia is inevitable.

Great interest attaches to the legislative fight in Franklin county, where W. C. Kreps, who was chairman of the bribery investigating committee, and one of the most subservient of the machine's following, is a candidate for re-election. A telegram to the Philadelphia Press concerning Kreps' candidacy says:

FIGHT AGAINST KREPS.

"Representative William C. Kreps will pay the penalty of loyalty to the Quay machine and disloyalty to his constituents, which in Franklin county has come to mean the same thing, by being defeated for a renomination at the Republican county convention which meets at Chambersburg on March 20. Not a Republican leader of either faction in the county is for him. He may have 60 votes in the convention if his name is presented. He realizes that there is no hope for his success and is very bitter against those whom he expected to support him.

"The legislative candidates likely to be successful at the primaries which are to be held next Saturday night are A. Nevin Pomeroy, of Chambersburg, and B. F. Welty, of Waynesboro. In this, his home town, Kreps is being bitterly opposed by ex-District Attorney J. H. Light. Political workers who have gone carefully over the situation say Kreps will be overwhelmingly beaten if he allows his name to go before the delegates."

The increase in the anti-Quay vote over the state, together with the fact that machine leaders are being thrown out and new men have been taken in their place is evidence that the feeling of the Republicans of the state is against Quayism. Among those who have served the machine only to be discarded after they had obeyed its bidding in everything are Senators Meredith of Armstrong, and McCarroll, of Dauphin, and Representative Kreps and half a score of others. Their fate will long serve as an example to others

WHY is it that every vagabond in Pennsylvania who is arrested for ballot-box stuffing, vote buying and general election corruption is always found guilty of practicing his fraud in the interest of the Quay machine? How can any honest man uphold the Quay dynasty when every man sent to penitentiary for election frauds is a Quay heeler? The Philadelphia North American has another gang of Quay heelers headed toward the penitentiary, and as they cannot plead the statute of limitations, the servants must suffer alone. It's a pity the masters can't be made to suffer with them.

The Milford Election.

Old Mother Milford held a primary election,
But to the result there was an objection,
Because it was not of the right complexion;
So the "Straights" determined to make a correction.

They caucused up in the old log stable;
They caucused down with John Knable;
They caucused with "Branty" over the table;
They caucused from celler clear up to gable.

They caucused with Jake, the old wagon-maker;
They caucused with Hiram, the old undertaker;
They caucused with Abbie, the sly census-taker,
And with Archibald, too, the ex-officio faker.

In order the inspector to clear undermine
They induced Archibald, the Judge, to resign;
To the law their course they didn't confine,
For they wanted a Judge who'd fall in line.

In Hauger they found the man they could use,
And made him the Judge by above mentioned ruse.
Thus equipped they were all right to abuse,
And they never once thought the township they'd lose.

So eager were they the township to run,
No matter what crookedness had to be done,
That they hunted up Democrats, one by one,
And determined to go the thing whole Haug er none.

The weather was fine—a sunshiny day;
The "insurgents" were out, light-hearted and gay;
And the "Straights" they did unmercifully flay
Till the verdict was easily anti-Quay.

The "Straights" or "Regs," whichever you please,
Thought they had planned to win with ease,
But the votes that came in on the anti breeze
Brought the ring roustabouts down on their knees.

The "Straights" they did with Democrats dicker,
And all through the day grew thicker and thicker;
But toward the night they got sicker and sicker,
While the antis stood by with a wink and a snicker.

The fight was on for school director,
Though some thought it was on tax collector;
But the "Straights" and Dems with their vote rejector
Only saved from the wreck their one inspector.

And when the votes had been counted out,
The "Regulars" twisted and squirmed about,
And like old rounders afflicted with gout,
Sneaked off by themselves to cuss and pout.

The "Regulars" now have opened the ball,
With an exibition of supremest gall,
But this will surely encompass their fall,
And hereafter we shall have a free-for-all.

Now there is one "Branty," the Milford 'Squire,
Who plays right well on the old ring lyre;
But he'll never, no never, set the world afire,
Though that may be his greatest desire.

Then down the Pike does another "Straight" lurk;
He wants to be smart, and wise as a Turk;
But though he carries a political dirk,
Its cutting wouldn't make him the township clerk.

Then there's one who used to old Milford rule;
For Timmie and the gang he's been a great tool;
But now he no longer the people can fool,
For they've placed him upon the "has been" stool.

He once used to peddle a book well bound,
With which he was always a nosing around.
But lately he placed his "ear to the ground,"
And the people's opinion he thus has found.

Say, boys, we're onto you, just as of yore,
And the tricks you've played so often before;
And you can't win out with them anymore,
Though you have boodle and hand-books galore.

You're always a-talkin' about bein' "Straight,"
When you know you're crooked as the figure eight;
But you're goin' to the dogs at a pretty fast gait,
With the corrupt machine in County and State.

Oh, you needn't put up that ugly frown.
For from your high perch you must come down;
You might as well quit your acting the clown
On election day at Gebhart town.

You might just as well make up your mind
That the people of Milford are not stone blind;
That they've taken the measure of you and your kind,
And the votes, when counted, will show you behind.

—AN EYE-WITNESS.

IN the decision rendered by Judge Mestrezat of the Supreme Court, recently, the eminent jurist declared that a combination of wholesale merchants formed for the purpose of preventing retail dealers who may be in debt to one of the combination from securing goods on credit from others is unlawful, and that the object of this blacklisting scheme can secure damages on the ground of libel.

GRIM old winter is about at an end, and yet that great smallpox epidemic that a few quack doctors and shyster newspapers predicted would come with cold weather failed to make its appearance. Of course there was wholesale vaccination among the school children, which caused the death of a great many of them throughout the country, but the people are not to blame for that, for they were obliged to comply with some fool laws or keep their children out of school. Very few grown people were vaccinated, and if any fool wants to believe that the torture of the innocents averted a smallpox epidemic, he can believe it, and may the Lord have mercy upon his dumb, insignificant soul.

THE Meyersdale wind organ of the Scull machine is sore afraid that some of the members of the Republican county committee will not vote to suit the people who elected them, when the next county convention is called. The purchase of committeemen, however, is the only thing that kept the party organization in the hands of the Scull ring for so many years. But now, since the organization is in the hands of the anti-ring Republicans, the Scull organette in Meyersdale is afraid that the people who are now running the Republican boat may resort to Scull ring tactics to keep in charge of it. Lucifer, you should not judge others by the tactics of your own gang, and which tactics you always approved of when your crowd successfully practiced them, and which tactics they will resort to whenever necessary.

THAT TREASURY SHORTAGE.

A Few Things for Honest Men to Think About.

IT seems to worry the Scull organette in Meyersdale very much that THE STAR "is whacking it into the shortage" of Ex-Treasurer Winters. "Of course the county does not lose a dollar by it," says Lucifer. That may all be, but if the county does not lose a dollar by it the fault will not be the Scull ring's. No, we hardly think the county will lose a dollar by it, because THE STAR will not let the shortage rest until the money due the county from Mr. Winters is paid over. We are not going to keep mum like the Herald and Commercial are doing when so grave a condition confronts the tax-payers of Somerset county. The plea that "the money will be paid" won't go with the people. Wm. Winters has no business with any of the county's money in his possession.

He is no longer the custodian of the county's money. Every cent due the county should have been in the county's possession on the day that Wm. Winters stepped out of office. The plea that the money is safe goes for naught. The money may be so infernally safe that the county will never get a cent of it. That's what the tax-payers are kicking on. The Commercial and other Scull ring defenders may try to smooth over the Treasury outrage all they please, but the fact still remains that when a treasurer goes out of office short in his accounts there is something infernally "rotten in Denmark." Like Banquo's ghost this outrage will not down, and so long as the money due the county is not paid over, just so long will the county be out of its just dues. If Somerset county loaned Wm. Winters no money, which it did not nor could not, how did he get the county's money, and what business has he with it? He has no more right to hold it than he would have to hold the money of an individual citizen without the owner having loaned it to him.

Nothing to Crow About.

It has been a trick of the machine to hold early primaries in counties where it had been accustomed to "sweeping things," and then wave the result as a sort of stimulator for its "workers" in other counties, and flaunt it like a red flag to the opposition. Primaries were held last Saturday in the counties of Armstrong, Lawrence, Mercer and Union, and, as was expected, the machine organs are in high feather over the result; but what is the truth concerning it?

In Armstrong, where the machine has always ruled, the anti-Quayites rose in sufficient numbers to nominate one of their candidates for the Legislature, thus breaking the machine slate for the first time in years.

In Lawrence, one of the machine strongholds, the Quayites nominated two candidates for Assembly, but by majorities of less than 200, which is an anti-Quay gain of 1,000.

The machine made its only gain on Saturday in Mercer county, where the Quayites nominated two Assemblymen. Divided delegations have been nominated there for years.

In Union county the Quayites nominated their candidate for Assembly, but by a greatly reduced majority.

In these four counties, where the machine expected so much, and about which it has been blowing so lustily, the fact is that it gained one Assemblyman, while the returns show a very healthy growth of the anti-machine sentiment.—*Somerset Standard.*

Thropp as a Friend to the Soldier.

Mr. Thropp as the representative from this district has been in the active duties of his office since the first Monday of December, 1899, a little more than three months. He is trying to do and is doing his whole duty in an honorable way by worthy veterans and their families. In his mail their communications are the first given attention, and he has now over four hundred cases for pensions under consideration from Bedford county alone.

He has the reputation at home and abroad of being the most prompt and active representative that this district has ever had in Congress.

He has always been the true and earnest friend of the soldier. He had three brothers who served in different branches of the service in the Union army in the war of the Rebellion, one of them was for three years a member of the famous "Pennsylvania Reserves," another was one of the youngest commissioned officers in the service, but was discharged after being severely wounded. He had five first cousins who served in the ranks of our army. Though too young to enter the army himself, his heart was in the cause. For any man to say that Mr. Thropp, with a family record like this, is or could be anything but a friend to the soldiers, shows that that man is talking from prejudice and is not to be trusted.—*Bedford Hawkeye.*

Strike Still On.

The strike in the Elk Lick region, which was caused by the 5-cent differential between this and the George's Creek region, is still on. Thomas Rees and Mr. Duncombe promptly paid the advance, but after working a few days the car supply was shut off, these operators claiming that the railroad company is against paying the same wages here for mining as in the Creek region. What interest the railroad company has in the Elk Lick coal, if any, we do not know.

Things are in a bad tangle, and what the outcome will be is hard to tell. No one wants the strike to continue if it can be helped. It is to be hoped that the operators and miners will soon come to a satisfactory agreement. It is believed that much will depend on the outcome of the miners' convention in session at Altoona, this week.

Somerset "Herald's" So-Called Directory.

Nearly a year ago the Somerset Herald had a stranger traveling up and down the county soliciting advertisements among the business men for a business directory. The said directory was to be an elaborate affair, according to the representations of the smooth stranger, and business men were charged $2.00 each for advertisements in the said directory, which the smooth stranger said would be printed and circulated by the Somerset Herald.

Of course advertisers were required to pay in advance, for the publishers of the Herald and the smooth stranger all knew that very few sane business men would pay a cent if first allowed to see the kind of directory they proposed to print. It was therefore important for the smooth stranger to collect in advance, which he did, but for many months of anxious waiting the great directory failed to make its appearance.

Last week, however, the directory made its appearance, and oh Lord, what a directory! It is only an old sheet of cheap cardboard with a lot of very fine print on it. Each business man's advertisement is crowded into a few lines of very small type, while at the top of the card, in large, bold-faced letters, are the words, "Somerset Herald," and the whole thing appears like a supplement to that paper, as the name of the paper is the only line on the card that is in prominent type. It is plain, therefore, that the Herald was more anxious to advertise itself than to advertise the other business houses of the county, but of course the other business houses "paid the freight." The Herald made about $500 clear money out of its so-called directory, and it also made a large crop of enemies, judging from the comment we hear from those who were roped in.

Some of the advertisers have cast the old thing aside, others have torn it up, some are kicking themselves, while others just grin and bear it, saying, however, that when they invest in a directory again they shall insist on first seeing the directory. Not one of the advertisers will reap 10 cents worth of benefit from the Herald's so-called directory, and we believe every one of them know it by this time.

"Timmie," we will here give you a recipe for a directory of the right kind: First, give your patrons a definite idea just what your directory is to be like. Second, tell them to pay when the directory is printed and delivered. Third, in printing the directory use good 6-ply cardboard and leave sufficient margin for framing. Fourth, give your directory a suitable heading, something like this, in large, bold-faced type: "Business Directory of Somerset County." The words "Somerset Herald" do not make a suitable heading for a business directory.

We offer these remarks and suggestions at the solicitation of some of your directory victims, "Timmie," and we trust that the business men of the county will profit thereby. As for yourself, "Timmie," you have profited enough by the job you and the smooth stranger have just completed, and the advertisers have paid the profit.

FROM THE SUCKER STATE.

Letter from M. P. Lichty, Who Once Lived Here and Still Loves Old Elk Lick.

MT. MORRIS, ILL., March 6, 1900.

EDITOR STAR:—Before I take my annual flight northwest, I thought I would give your readers a short letter through your columns.

Our groundhog winter is on in full blast. We have about 8 inches of snow and very badly drifted roads. Yesterday a heavy granulated snow fell, during the night it rained and sleeted, and this morning the snow is crusted, bearing ones weight.

There are a great many public sales these days. Many changes are taking place in and about Mt. Morris.

This town has improved very materially during the past few years. Larger and finer residences are being built. The old College buildings have been replaced with much larger and better edifices, with all the modern conveniences. But, not only here, but all through this vast Mississippi valley the spirit of progressiveness is manifested to a higher degree. The early pioneers were beset with many doubts and fears, but the few survivors see these all vanishing as the years come and go. The next quarter of a century, no doubt, will bring about still more phenomenal changes.

Talking about the "Great West," in North Dakota the people speak of Illinois as being "down east." But blessed is the man in old Elk Lick township that has his own home. I know of no spot that I have ever lived in where it seems to me the natural advantages are better diversified, nor more abundant. The gurgling springs, the rippling rills, the silvery streams, the rugged hills, the little dells, the beautiful groves of maple, birch, beech and a thousand other things that many of your native fellows don't see, nor ever learned to appreciate. If we had but half of the superabundance of your profusion of blessings lying around loose, would not we have a delightful time in North Dakota? If we could just swap every other township of our fertile prairie land for your rugged mountain land, then it might be better for us all around.

But I must cut this short. I appreciate the communications of the dear boys of the various states. I hope many more will let us hear from them through THE STAR. M. P. LICHTY.

Crushed in the Mines.

Albert Caton, a young man employed in the Niverton mines, was killed by a fall of breast coal on Monday night. He had one leg badly crushed and was also injured about the head and body. Death was not instantaneous, but the unfortunate young man died without regaining consciousness, about four hours after the accident occurred.

The deceased was a single man, aged about 19 or 20 years, and came originally from the vicinity of Keyser's Ridge, Garrett county, Md. The funeral took place yesterday, Rev. W. A. Gaunt, of the German Baptist church, officiating.

Rockwood Man Killed by Boiler Explosion.

The boiler in J. P. Growall's plaining will, at Rockwood, exploded on Monday morning, completely wrecking the building. The owner was badly injured, but will recover. His son, Frank was fatally injured, however, and died in the evening at 11 o'clock. He was blown through the roof into a field about 35 yards away, where he was found badly bruised and mangled.

A Good Woman Dead.

It is with deep regret that we this week announce the death of Mrs. A. W. Knepper, of Somerset. Mrs. Knepper was County President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and for many years was a zealous worker for the suppression of the liquor traffic. She was a most estimable Christian lady, and she was greatly beloved by her neighbors and the members of the W. C. T. U., who held her in high esteem.

The deceased was in poor health for a long time, and at times she suffered intensely, but she bore her afflictions bravely until the angel of death summoned her to her rest and reward.

The funeral took place yesterday, and a number of the W. C. T. U. ladies of Salisbury and other places in the county went to the funeral, which was largely attended. Thus has another useful person been called from life's fitful scenes forever, and many are the aching hearts who mourn her departure. May she rest in peace, and may a merciful Providence heal the bleeding, lacerated hearts of the bereaved husband and son, whom we are informed are the only surviving members of the family.

Salisbury Railroad to be Extended.

The survey for the proposed railroad up Casselman river from the Salisbury branch of the Baltimore & Ohio will be completed to-day as for as the Manadier lands, a distance of eight miles south of Grantsville and twelve miles from the starting point. This road will open large tracts of coal and timber land. The projectors are Jennings Bros., a firm of Pennsylvania capitalists who have purchased large bodies of timber and mineral lands in the vicinity of Bittinger and Grantsville and expect to have mills in operation as soon as the road is completed, which will be some time in August. A report to this office from Grantsville this morning states that two hundred men will be put to work at an early day to grade and make the road bed ready for the ties and rails. The road will follow the east bank of the Casselman river almost the entire distance, crossing the old National road at a point near Stanton's mill, one-half mile east of Grantsville.—*Oakland Republican.*

Just how much truth is in the above is hard to tell. One thing is sure, however, and that is the fact that the aforesaid railroad extension will not be completed as far south as the Oakland Republican states, in August. It is true that some surveying has been done and some rights of way secured, but as to when work on the proposed railroad extension will begin, nothing definitely is known at this end of the line.

OUR DEAR GIRLS.

The Berlin "Record" Describes How Some of Them Kiss.

The Salisbury girl, the pride of the state,
In her clinging soulful way,
Absorbs it all with a yearning yearn
As big as a ton of hay.

The Addison girl [illegible] amaze
When you ask for the p[illegible] rare,
And runs from the gate far into the we will
To see if her ma might care.

The Rockwood girl gets sassy and mad,
And bitterly calls you a plug,
Then to build up your feelings and heart
She squarely kisses your dirty old mug.

The Brothersvalley girl who lives on a farm
Can break you up completely.
She knows just how to work her cards,
And her sweetness gives discreetly.

The Somerset girl never sighs or pines,
Nor acts in a manner rude,
But she goes on kissing in a businesslike way
That catches the average dude.

The Garrett girl gets a grip on herself
As she carefully takes off her hat,
And she grabs up the prize in a frightened way
Like a terrier shaking a rat.

The Meyersdale girl bows her stately head,
As she fixes her stylish lips
In a firm, hard way, and lets them go
In spasmodic little snips.

The Shanksville girl never waits to be coaxed
With generous lips and a heart that is light,
And she puckers her mouth and tries to look sweet,
And smacks with all her might.

The Roxbury girl's the sweetest of all
You will everywhere meet in our town,
Has no heartless, snippy, measly way,
But just does the thing up brown.

The Windber girl, with the soulful eye
And lip like Dan Cupid's bow,
Would kiss from now till the sweet bye and bye—
And that's why we love her so.

The Berlin girl, like an ocean pearl,
Is a beauty, a gem and a treasure;
She uses both lips, takes plenty of dips,
And is tickled all over with pleasure.

German Baptists' Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the German Baptist Brethren of the Western District of Pennsylvania will be held in May, at Markleysburg, Fayette county, at which time a delegate to the General Conference will be chosen to represent the district on the Executive Committee of the Conference, which is to be held in June, at North Manchester, Wabash county, Ind. The Western District of Pennsylvania is composed of the churches in Cambria, Somerset, Armstrong, Indiana, Westmoreland, Bedford and Fayette counties.