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The Ponfield Press wisely remarks that the habit of loafing about town is a miserable one. Better be out in the forest cutting firewood if you have nothing else to do. Crowds of men sit about the public places in town and tear to tatters the reputations of men, who while they have faults, are doing quite as much for the world as they are.

The Frick and Southwest Coke companies of the Connellsville region have posted up notices at all their works that an advance of 15 per cent in wages will go into effect the first of April. This is good news to ten thousand employees of that company. That is the kind of news we like to chronicle. We hope other employers will do likewise.

Bion H. Butler, the first editor and proprietor of the DuBois Courier, for some time editor of the Brockwayville Record, and the past few years editor of the Bradford Era, has severed his connection with the Era to accept a position on the Pittsburg Times. Bion is a brilliant newspaper man and will be a good addition to the already excellent paper, Pittsburg Times.

This is a peculiar world, remarks an exchange. One is struggling for justice, another is fleeing from it. One man is saving money to build a house, and another is trying to sell his for less than it cost to build it. One man is spending all he can make in taking his girl to the theatre and sending her flowers, with the hope of making her his wife, while his neighbor is spending what gold he has in getting a divorce. One man escapes all diseases that flesh is heir to and gets killed on the railroad. Another escapes with a scratch and dies with the whooping cough. One man stands off all his creditors and goes traveling while another pays his debts and stays at home.

Here is something from the pen of an unknown writer going the rounds of the press, which will do to remember: "Whether you fight or work, don't make too much fuss about it. The hen cackles after she has laid her eggs. The noise and zizzle of the locomotive are not force. All force is silent. The heehaw of the mule may startle you—but it is not nearly so dangerous as his hind legs. Bear in mind that it is the empty wagon that rattles most when in motion. The noise of the drum is due to the fact that there is nothing in it. Bear in mind that you can't startle the world by jumping up and hollering 'boo!' Thought is the great motive power, and don't you fall into the mistake of believing otherwise."

There is a severe law in the state of Pennsylvania against selling cigarettes to anyone under the age of 16 years, and it is safe to assume that parents will not willingly furnish their children with cigarettes or give them money to purchase them, but in spite of paternal admonition and state laws many children are seen puffing the vile stuff that goes into manufacture of cigarettes. The effects are deadly. The poison, insidious and apparently almost harmless at first, gets into the system, and once there it is as hard to uproot as the Canada thistle is from land. The taste for the cigarette once acquired may be broken, but it takes more effort than most cigarette fiends can make, for one of the chief attributes of the little pest is that it seems to sap the vitality as to leave its victim helpless to resist.

When one looks at it from the right stand point the tax of one mill on building and loan associations, as is proposed by a bill now in the State Legislature, is an imposition. Through the many building and loan associations throughout the state, Pennsylvania takes the lead in the prosperity of the working classes. Many homes are built at the cost of what the house would rent for and if this additional burden were put on the associations it would come off the stockholders, the majority of whom are members of the associations because through the association they expect to ultimately own a home. These associations encourage home building, encourage economy and industry, and better citizens is the result. Therefore the State should encourage and foster such societies. The borrower in these associations pay a real estate tax and he should not be asked to pay another tax. There are 1230 associations in the state, with assets of nearly \$104,000,000. The gains to shareholders are \$17,000,000. The total expense of carrying on the business of last year was \$381,000, or three cents a day to the four hundred directors doing their business. There are 284,000 members and 19,700 homes have been built by aid of these associations.—Punxsutawney News.

Scraps of Philosophy.

Don't hire a lawyer to help you quarrel. Theology sometimes mistakes fanaticism for faith. The best whiskey makes the purest water unfit to drink. Don't mistake a cushioned pew for the stool of repentance.

There is a growing belief that hell is provided with fire escapes. If you will study your children you will find that you have much to learn. It is not those you know, but what they know of you that gives you importance.

I do like to laugh, but I don't fancy the kind of humor that tries to tickle a fellow with a crowbar. I have at least learned these two things: First that a fulsome flatterer is a liar, and second, that he takes one for a fool.—Chicago Herald.

Mrs. T. S. Hawkins, Chattanooga, Tenn., says, "Shiloh's Vitalizer saved my life." I consider it the best remedy for a debilitated system I ever used. For dyspepsia, liver or kidney trouble it excels. Price 75 cts. Sold by J. C. King & Co.

Remember that Friday, March 22nd, is a money maker. Deemer & Co.

One thing I do know, you will find the largest assortment of lace curtains at Bing & Co's.

Full line of dress linings, whalebones, skirt binding, &c., at H. J. Nickle's.

Notice.

If you intend plastering your house it will be to your interest to use material that has proven itself to be right. A little book for asking that tells you all about the "right kind," of H. Alex. Stoke, agent for Adamant Wall Plaster, King's Windsor cement.

Gentlemen, call and see the fine line of suiting we are making to order for \$16. Bell, the clothier.

Cash is the motto. Closer profits and cheaper goods to the consumer. It is an absolute necessity to ourselves and the town, as many are going away for their goods. For prices call and see our goods. KING & Co.

The Canadian Jubilee Singers Co. composed of ten colored people, will give an entertainment in Centennial Hall on Tuesday, April 16th. Best company on the road to-day.

There will be an oyster supper at the home of Mrs. J. B. Orr on Thursday, March 21st. A cold supper will also be served from five to seven. Oysters will be served at any time. Proceeds go to the Ladies' Work Society of the Presbyterian church.

"The Land of Flowers."

If the general sentiment concerning the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's personally-conducted tours to Florida is to be taken as an index of their popularity, they may in all verity be styled the ideal tours.

The next and last of this season's series of tours to Jacksonville will leave New York and Philadelphia on March 26, and the rate, including round-trip transportation and meals and Pullman berth on special train going, is \$50.00 from New York and \$48.00 from Philadelphia; proportionate rates from other points. Tickets for this tour will be good for return passage on regular trains until May 31.

The number of persons for which accommodations can be provided is necessarily limited, and it would therefore be prudent for those who desire to join this party to make early application for space.

For further information apply to Ticket Agents, or address Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York, or Room 411, Broad Street Station Philadelphia, to whom application for space should also be made.

"March to search" is the old adage. It searches out any weakness of the system, from impure blood. Those who use Ayer's Sarsaparilla find March no more searching than any other month. This medicine is a wonderful invigorator.

Defrauding Farmers.

The Lock Haven Democrat gives the following account of how farmers are being caught on the bill board privilege racket: Two men paint a sign on a farmer's fence and give him a few dollars to guarantee them that no one else will be permitted to paint signs over them. The farmer is asked to sign a receipt acknowledging the payment of the money in order that they can return the same to their employer. The receipt which he signs turns out to be a promissory note for \$200 or \$500, as the case may be.

Come early and select your curtains at Deemer & Co.'s.

Two for One.

We are making a special offer to each of our readers paying a year's subscription to the STAR in advance, and to all new subscribers paying in advance, we will give them the best local paper in Jefferson county and will give them free, either the *Womankind* or *American Farmer*, for one year. The two papers above mentioned are excellent monthly papers and the subscription price of each is 50c. a year. This offer is made only to those in Pennsylvania.

DON'T - BE - SATISFIED!

Until you see the Fine Line of

Men's, Boys' & Children's SUITS

—THAT—

BELL

The ONLY RELIABLE CLOTHIER in Reynoldsville, is displaying for Spring and Summer. Just look at a few of his prices for this season:



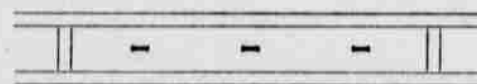
Men's Suits, All-wool, in Single and Double Breasted for	\$ 4 00
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Boys' Long Pants Suits, Single or Double Breasted, All-wool for	\$ 4 00
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Mothers, You want to see our fine line of washable suits we have for your boys for 75c, \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00 and 2.50. Call and look them over whether you want to buy or not. No trouble to show goods.



Children's Suits in Double Breasted and Single, age 4 to 13, for	\$ 75
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WHEN YOU BUY A Bicycle

Remember that

"Good Stock Counts"



are good cycles and the world does not produce a better. Special No. 1 Roadster, weight 27 lbs., \$85.00; No. 2 Full Roadster, weight 25 lbs., \$100.00; Model No. 3 Light Roadster, weight 22 lbs., \$100.00; Model No. 4 Ariel Racer, weight 18 to 20 lbs., \$125.

In addition to the above, I am agent for the Celebrated FEATHERSTONE

Line of Bicycles, comprising nine different styles, ranging in price from \$20 to \$80.

All Bicycles

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For One Year.



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The only Complete Line of Base Balls, Bats, Gloves, Masks, Sporting and Outing Goods to be found in the town.

STOKE,

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For the slim, fat and short men, the Finest Line ever displayed in any city store, and every pair warranted not to rip. Men's Pants for 75c., \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.50. Men's All-wool Pants for \$2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00 and 5.00. Boys' Long Pants for 50c., 75c., \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50 and 3.00. Boys' Knee Pants with double knees and seat for 15c., 25c., 50c., 75c., \$1.00 and 1.25. Remember we guarantee every pair of pants not to rip, and every pair that rips we give you a new pair.

Men's Shirts.

The greatest line we have ever had. Other seasons we got 75c., but this year we can show you 200 different styles for 50c. Men's Shirts for 25c., 50c., 75c., \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Boys' Shirts

for 20c., 25c., 40c., 50c., 75c. and \$1.00. It will pay you to look us through on this line as we can save you money. We buy from the manufacturer and not from jobbers.

Men's Fine Balbriggan Underwear

for 50 cts. a suit. Guarantee you can't match the same less than \$1.00 a suit anywhere. Call and see

Sweaters

for men 18c., sweaters for boys 18c. Sweaters for men 50c., sweaters for boys 50c. Match the price if you dare.

Hats and Caps

over one thousand different styles for men, boys and children. The largest line ever displayed. Men's hats, all wool, for 50c., 75c., \$1.00. Men's all fur hats for 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00. We can give you them in soft or stiff hats at same price. Boys' hats, in soft or stiff, for 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50. Mothers, see our fine line of boys' caps for summer, it will pay you to look them over. Boys' caps 10c., 25c., 50c. and 75c.

We could have you read for one hour, if we had the space, describing the many valuable bargains we can show you. If you don't want to buy call and look us over and convince yourselves that we never advertise something we have not got.

Now a word about our MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARTMENT. We bought our woolsens by the whole piece and can make you a Strictly All-wool Suit for the small sum of \$16, \$17, \$18, \$19 and \$20 and, as everyone knows, Mr. Kernott (my cutter) you can depend on a first-class fit. We use only the best trimmings. Call and look our goods over in this department, and remember that we buy all our goods of the manufacturer and not from auction houses as some of our would-be clothiers do.

Thanking you for past favors and hoping for a continuance of same, I remain

BELL, the Reliable

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P. S.—In our Merchant Tailoring Department we carry piece goods and not samples, affording you a better chance to see what the cloth looks like.