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Munsey's Magazine is one of the best monthlies published and sold at ten cents a copy, or \$1.00 a year. Two years ago this month sixty thousand copies of the Munsey's were issued and now it has reached the magnificent figure of five hundred thousand copies a month. Frank A. Munsey deserves great credit for making it possible for the people to get such an excellent magazine for ten cents a copy.

An exchange says that a humble boy with a shining pall went singing gaily down the vale to where a cow with a brindle tail on the alfalfa did regale. A humble bee did gaily sail over the soft shady vale, to where the boy with a shining pall, was milking the cow with the brindle tail. The bee lit on the cow's left ear, her feet flew up through the atmosphere, and through the leaves of a cottonwood tree, the boy soared into eternity.

The statement of the business of all lines of the Pennsylvania railroad company for September was issued Oct. 30th. All lines east of Pittsburg and Erie as compared with the same month in 1894 show: An increase in gross earnings of \$288,456; an increase in expenses of \$298,262; net earnings of \$20,194. The nine months of 1895 as compared with the same period of 1894, show: An increase in gross earnings of \$4,602,031; an increase in expenses of \$3,575,087; an increase in net earnings of \$1,026,944.

A hundred years ago the post office carried only 2,000 pieces of mail a day. Now there are more than 9,000 letters and packages dropped into the mails every minute. In 1892 there were handled 15,000,000,000 pieces. The registry letter system has been vastly developed, so that only one letter in every 15,000 pieces of matter ever goes astray and becomes lost. As far back as three years ago it was estimated that the letter carriers of Uncle Sam delivered in a year 5,500,000 registered letters, 1,355,000,000 other letters, 275,000,000 postal cards, and 800,000,000 newspapers, besides collecting 300,000,000 local letters, 750,000,000 mail letters, 115,000,000 local 150,000,000 postal cards, and 200,000,000 newspapers.

The *Raftsmen's Journal* of Clearfield, in speaking of the eighth commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," says: "Less than fifty per cent of the population are constitutionally honest. The commandment is broken by people who want to have some standing in society. An honest man is a rare thing in this day. Some have been tested and found pure as gold, while others have been tried and found that all they desire is to escape the eye of human, to say nothing of the eye of God. A very pious man of this place was put to a test recently. A purse, seemingly well filled, was placed upon the street he was known to travel. He came along, discovered it, picked it up, and then cast around to see if any person was watching. Seeing no one, he hastily pushed it in his pocket, repaired to a secluded place, examined the contents and finding nothing of value stealthily returned and laid it where he found it. What would he have done if that pocketbook had contained \$1,000? The man who does not steal because he is afraid of public criticism is a thief at heart, and the country is full of just such people."

There are many things in and about Reynoldsville that we could mention to recommend the town to the outside world, but there is one thing that would not be out of place to mention at the present time and that is our excellent water works. While the little streams have gone dry and the rivers become impure that supplied other towns of this state with water, the people of Reynoldsville have had an abundance of pure sparkling water that bubbles up from a half dozen or more springs on the hillsides east of town, flows into the dam and is pumped into the reservoir. There has been much suffering in various places among the people and animals from the drought, but the people of our town have not lacked for water. Thanksgiving day draweth nigh and while the devout people of this place assemble in their various places of worship they should not forget to return thanks to the "Giver of all good and perfect gifts" for the fountains of water that did not run dry while a water famine existed in various parts of the state. Good water works is one of the best of recommendations for a town when industries are looking for locations. The water system of this town has been tested again and again and so far it has always been sufficient to supply the needs of our people.

LETTER FROM KANSAS.

A GROCERYMAN OF REYNOLDSVILLE DESCRIBES THE STATE.

A Good State for Girls—Poor Place for Bachelors.

HARRISON, KAN., Oct. 23, 1895.

EDITOR STAR:—Perhaps no country on the American continent has been so thoroughly boomed as the territory known as Southern Kansas. Nor is there a country from the borders of Austria to the vine clad shores of California whose natural resources will admit of more booming than this. The first impression one gets of this country after a tiresome journey of fifteen hundred miles is by no means pleasant. You are greeted by a broad, flat prairie hundreds of miles in extent at every point of the compass, with nothing but blue sky above and prairie grass as far as the eye can carry, which is often thirty or forty miles. Without the slightest variation in the scenery a person is liable to be steezed with the "Jim Jams" or, in other words, a weird, lonesome feeling very forcibly presses itself upon you. So great is the monotony at first that one readily imagines that the line of ghosts which Macbeth saw or even the Jackson street monster would be a relief to the tired vision. This, however, soon wears off. The first inhabitants of this country, although hardly necessary to state, were the buffalo and the red man. I mention the buffalo as an inhabitant in connection with the Indian, though not intentionally doing him—the buffalo—any injustice, for in comparison he is by far the superior, and as long as the plains are inhabited his memory will be kept sacred by the ever present and indelible buffalo wallow, a shallow pool, made by tramping and wallowing. Buffalo were said to be as plentiful on these prairies fifty or sixty years ago as the stars in the milkyway. Plenty of men, with a tinge of romance in their makeup and as is suspected only a slight tinge of truth, are willing to testify that their fathers saw herds of them that took hours for them to pass and that greatly resembled a moving plain. For miles and miles nothing but a moving, surging mass could be seen. The events which form the basis for these highly colored stories, like the earliest Greek history, is seen only through the curtain of tradition. We are certain that the buffalo existed here in large numbers and amid these myths and traditions facts grew rapidly into fables. Kansas people never hesitate to tell a good story. The buffalo and Indian finally gave way to the Cattle Baron, cowboy and Texas steers. This is the burly, brisky cowboy of fifteen years ago who is so thoroughly advertised all over the known world, the hero of every school boy and the terror of the plains, not the quiet, mild fellow that now looks after "kows." The above triumvirate finally retreated southward before successive waves of immigration and thus the most formidable and threatening barrier to civilization was removed. We have before us to-day the Kansas granger in all his varied experiences, at times on the top crest of prosperity, only to be precipitated to grovel in the depths of adversity. Farming in Kansas until the present, especially for the last four years, has been both successful and unsuccessful. Successful because the Kansas farmer is of a peculiar make-up; not in Africa's dark forests or burning deserts, nor in the land where the crescent towers above the cross can such energy be found as in these gritty, sandy sons of toil. Unsuccessful on account of hot winds burning up crops. Notwithstanding all these failures the Kansas farmer is by no means discouraged. They are as hard to discourage and as truly heroic as were the Spartan soldiers at Thermopylae. In fact, says Kansas can promise more in June and pay less in September and promise less in September and pay more in June than any state in the Union. Due to the hot winds burning up crops in July and August and a heavy wheat crop the following summer. These, after an undue amount of experimenting have found the crops most suitable for this locality. The wheat crop this year was a failure, oats only fair. Corn is a good crop and is now being husked—"shucked" is the western term. Most of it is being cribbed as it only brings twelve cents a bushel of 56 pounds, shelled. Kafir corn, one of the greatest food crops that was ever grown, is everywhere abundant, stock men claiming to be superior to any other grain for feeding cattle and hogs. This, above all other cereals, seems to be especially adapted to the Kansas climate, as it is not injured by dry weather. Two crops can be raised in a single season from one planting. When wheat raising was the rage the country was stripped of nearly all the hogs and cattle. Every energy was turned to raising wheat. The wheat belt seems to have changed and again the country is filled with cattle and hogs. It is conceded by all that this is one of the best stock countries between the Rockies and the Atlantic. Winters are mild and short, requiring far less feed than in eastern and northern states. The financial troubles of the last two years, coupled with the poor wheat crops and low prices have had a very depressing effect, but now they seem to have a turn in the road and are in a fair way to make money, and when we consider the condition of some of the older states we are forced to the conclusion that there are many advantages in Kansas for farmers that older states can not offer.

Morally speaking, Kansas is up with any other place in the world, and in an educational sense she is foremost in the rank. About the first thing a bachelor notices is that there is a plentiful serenity of girls, in the ratio of about six men to one woman, and if the "Hopeless Dozen" were here their case might indeed be hopeless. Doc Harbison, with all his facial beauty and manly bearing, might succeed by going south among the swains. If I were a young woman with marriageable tendencies I would come to Kansas, and if I were a bachelor I would do just as I am going to do—go back to Western Penna and trust the rest to luck.

People seem to be as rigid here in clinging to fashions as they are in the east. Shoes are just as pointed, hats with the same misplaced-flower-garden appearance, moustard sleeves and the whole curriculum just as exacting. The warm climate seems to have a collapsing effect on the sleeves and one would suppose a bicycle pump to inflate them would give them their normal as well as ridiculous appearance. The people in the towns and cities are of a migratory disposition and are of the opinion that they are needed in the east. The political pot here is beginning to simmer in a lively way. The populists seem to have it pretty much their own way. Every populist is not only an orator but a financier; though his wife may make the living by washing, yet this does not conflict with his opinions so ably set forth from the dry goods box which he holds down.

The clear and brilliant atmosphere of Kansas gives to its Italian skies a richness which has always been the admiration of travelers and baffling the ability of even an Angelo or a Raphael to paint them. A Kansas sunset is simply magnificent in the extreme. Sunset Cox, with his powers of description, would fall to draw a fair picture.

Should this be fortunate enough to escape the waste basket I will write you next week of my experience and observations among the Indians. Yours,
GEORGE H. MUNDORFF.

Dedicated to the "Hopeless Dozen."

BY A SYMPATHIZER.

Twelve little bachelors formed in a club. To teach each other how to cook their own grub.

Twelve little bachelors played twenty-seven. One said the other led—then there were eleven.

Eleven little bachelors, all nice men. One fell and broke his neck—then there were ten.

Ten little bachelors looking very fine. One ate a cucumber—then there were nine.

Nine little bachelors for the train did wait. One rode the cow catcher—then there were eight.

Eight little bachelors playing "sev, or seven" One grabbed the boodle—then there were seven.

Seven little bachelors—every one a brick—Got to scrapping—among themselves—then there were six.

Six little bachelors wishing for a drive. One went to hitch the horse—then there were five.

Five little bachelors, all a little sore. One broke a by-law—then there were four.

Four little bachelors thought they'd go to sea. One got a stomach pain—then there were three.

Three little bachelors feeling rather blue. One got a flea bite—then there were two.

Two little bachelors got themselves a gun. "He thought it wasn't loaded"—then there were one.

One lonesome bachelor thought just for fun. That he would get married,—then there were none.

For Rent.

A large store room, 24 x 65 feet, in good business locality. For further particulars call on or address,
S. S. HAINES, Rathmel, Pa.

At King & Co.'s you will find baled hay, salt, flour and a full line of general merchandise.

A large invoice of ladies', misses', and children's wraps just in at Deemer & Co's.

We are the shoe house. We have the shoes and we have the prices. D. F. Robinson.

Three bars laundry soap 5 cts., 15 bars soap 25 cts., 60 bars soap \$1.00 at Wm. Burge's.

Forty lbs finest Rolled oats for \$1.00 at Robinson & Mundorff's little grocery on the corner.

Utopia Program.

Following is the programme of the Utopia Circle for November:

The quotations used in responding to roll call shall not be confined to a particular author. Roll call shall be followed by news items or facts and general information concerning the country selected for discussion.

Nov. 4—FRANCE.

Conan A. Doyle. Biography and Select Reading. Mrs. W. C. Elliott

Mozart. Mrs. H. R. Johnson

Nov. 11—SPAIN.

Annie Sewell. Biography and Select Reading. Mrs. James McCright

The Yosemite Valley. Mrs. G. W. Palen

Nov. 23—SCOTLAND.

William Black. Biography and Select Reading. Mrs. V. R. Pratt

Mendelssohn. Mrs. S. H. Reynolds

Dec. 2—ENGLAND.

Beatrice Harraden. Biography and Select Reading. Mrs. L. M. Simmons

Natural Bridge of Virginia. Mrs. C. A. Stephenson

Nov. 18—SPAIN.

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The Power of a Newspaper.

Those who show a newspaper man a kindness never make a better investment, or one that will pay them in larger returns. There are times in the life of every man, may he be in either private or political life, when a newspaper can either make or break his future prosperity. Newspaper men like others, are only human. They favor those who favor them and unmake those who do them a wrong. Men too often, in the vain imagination of their own conceit, undervalue the true power of the press. No matter how powerful a man may be, the persistent effort of the press will kill his strength despite the best effort he may otherwise put forth.—Exchange.

Try Millrens for clothing and men's furnishing goods.

Three tons of all colors—ice wool—at Deemer & Co's.

Wanted—To buy 20 to 100 acres of land near town. J. C. KING & Co.

Gentlemen, save 20 per cent. and get your overcoats at Deemer & Co's.

Auction! Auction.

I will sell at auction at my residence on Main street at 2.00 P. M. on Monday, Nov. 18th, the following property: One horse, one wagon, one surrey, one set of surrey harness and one buggy tongue.

WM. COPPING.

List of Jurors.

The list of jurors for December term of court, drawn from Reynoldsville, West Reynoldsville, Winslow and Washington townships, is as follows:

TRAVELERS JURORS.

Reynoldsville—Milton Schlabig, D. R. Cochran, J. N. McEntire, John S. Schultz, John Hawlett. Winslow twp.—J. W. Mayhew, Casner Pitsley, B. F. Crossby. Washington twp.—James McWilliams.

GRAND JURORS.

Reynoldsville—Chas. Epler, Fred Burns, A. H. Hoon, Wm. Carney. Winslow twp.—George Marshall. Washington twp.—M. M. Moore, Andrew McKeon, John Moore, V. B. Guthrie.

PETIT JURORS.

Reynoldsville—David Hartman, Albert Reynolds, John Cottle. West Reynoldsville—Geo. O. Riggs. Winslow twp.—A. S. Armstrong, J. T. Coax. Washington twp.—J. M. Miller, Hugh Cooper, James E. Smith.

Our treatment for health, no hypodermic injections, but good shoes for little money. Robinson's shoe store.

Big reduction in price of salt. If you want a barrel see Robinson & Mundorff.

Coffee 15 cents a package at Wm. Burge's.

Latest style of coats and capes can be found at Bing & Co's.

Alex. Riston has a large stock of guns which he will sell cheap.

Think of it—hundreds of ladies pleased with their winter garments purchased from Deemer & Co.

Hotels.

HOTEL MCCONNELL.

REYNOLDSVILLE, PA.

FRANK J. BLACK, Proprietor.

The leading hotel of the town. Headquarters for commercial men. Steam heat, free bus, bath rooms and closets on every floor, sample rooms, billiard room, telephone connections &c.

HOTEL BELNAP.

REYNOLDSVILLE, PA.

J. C. DILLMAN, Proprietor.

First class in every particular. Located in the very center of the business part of town. Free bus to and from trains and commodious sample rooms for commercial travelers.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL.

BROOKVILLE, PA.

PHIL P. CARRIER, Proprietor.

Sample rooms on the ground floor. House heated by natural gas. Omnibus to and from all trains.

MOORE'S WINDSOR HOTEL.

1217-29 FILBERT STREET.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

PRESTON J. MOORE, Proprietor.

42 bed rooms. Rates \$2.00 per day American Plan. 15 block from P. E. R. Depot and 1/2 block from New P. & R. R. Depot.

Miscellaneous.

E. NEFF.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

And Real Estate Agent, Reynoldsville, Pa.

C. MITCHELL,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

Office on West Main street, opposite the Commercial Hotel, Reynoldsville, Pa.

DR. B. E. HOOVER,

REYNOLDSVILLE, PA.

Resident dentist. In building near Methodist church, opposite Arnold block. Gentleness in operating.

C. Z. GORDON. JOHN W. REED.

GORDON & REED,

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,

Brookville, Jefferson Co., Pa.

Office in room formerly occupied by Gordon & Corbett West Main Street.

W. L. MCCRACKEN. G. M. McDONALD.

Brookville. Reynoldsville.

MCCRACKEN & McDONALD,

Attorneys and Counsellors-at-Law,

Offices at Reynoldsville and Brookville.

REYNOLDSVILLE LAUNDRY,

WAH SING, Proprietor.

Corner 4th street and Gordon alley. First-class work done at reasonable prices. Give the laundry a trial.

DR. R. E. HARBISON,

SURGEON DENTIST,

Reynoldsville, Pa.

Office in rooms formerly occupied by J. S. McCreight.

DRESS GOODS!

We have just returned from the Eastern markets with a full supply of Dress Goods. Our shelves and counters are running over with choice styles of both Foreign and Domestic Novelties in Fine Dress Fabrics. Our stock offers the greatest possible range for selection in newest and choicest dress materials of the season and latest styles of trimmings.

Coats and Capes!

We have a large assortment of coats and capes in our coat room. Correct styles and rock bottom prices. We handle only new goods of the latest styles. Please do not buy until you see our line. It will be to your advantage to see our coats and capes before buying elsewhere.

NOTIONS!

Our Notion Department is filled with anything you want in the notion line. Call and look at our new goods and large stock.

BING & CO., Nolan Block.

HARDWARE A R D W A R E E R A W D R A H	WOODENWARE	FURNITURE R U T I N R U F
	QUEENSWARE	
	CARPETS	

The most complete line of House Furnishing Goods in Jefferson County. We do not buy "Cheap John" goods to fool the people, nor represent goods to be better than they are.

"You can fool all the people part of the time and part of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time." We do not want to sell inferior goods and fool our customers and only have the people that can be fooled all the time left to buy from us. We want your trade and know we can give you Satisfaction.

Come Early and Late to the

Reynoldsville Hardware Co.'s Store.

Remember our Furniture and Carpets are on the Second Floor.

—AN— Astounding Soap Sale!

The Eighth Wonder of the World, now on exhibition in our show window, a fac-simile of the great U. S. Administration Building of the Columbian Exposition, built out of 14,322 cakes of fine Medicated Toilet Castle Soap, making the largest and finest display of Toilet Soap ever attempted in the world, and is the greatest Soap Bargain ever offered in America.

2 Cakes for 5c.

Everybody welcome to all they want of it at this price. This soap has been made especially for us by the Cincinnati Soap Co. whose soaps have been the standard for over a quarter of a century, and to introduce their soap thoroughly in Reynoldsville and vicinity, they permit us to sell it 2 cakes for 5c.

for a limited time. This gives us power to save money for all persons. It is so cheap that it can be no cheaper and so good that it can be no better. The rich, the poor, the learned and the unlearned meet on one level; the poor can afford a nice toilet soap at this price and the rich can get no better. This soap has a phenomenal sale in all large cities of the country, and we intend to give the people of Reynoldsville and vicinity the same advantage as New York, Chicago and other cities have. This is an excellent, pure Toilet Soap and is really worth 10c. a cake. Remember 2 cakes for 5c. Sale began Thursday. Come early before the rush.

A. D. DEEMER & CO.,

Agts. for Reynoldsville and Vicinity.