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The total vote of Jefferson county on the 5th inst. for State Treasurer and President Judge was as follows: Haywood, R., 3,223; Meyers, D., 1,556; Berry, Prob., 821; Dawson, People's, 132. President Judge, John W. Reed, R., 3,622; Herbert T. Ames, Prob., 1,391.

Johnsburg is haunted at night by "a woman in black," who eludes the vigilance of police officers. The Breeze says: During the past week no less than a dozen persons have been held up near the tannery by this mysterious woman, who says she is tall, dressed entirely in black and wears a veil over her face, while others report that she wears a false face. This "ghost" makes her appearance between the hours of 11 and 2, and halts only those of the male persuasion.

The Warren Ledger says: "The girl who indulges in the dizzy waltz will hear with interest that the heads of Washington and New York society have decided that sitting out a waltz next winter will be more fashionable than dancing—the only difference is you sit instead of dance. The man's right arm is around the girl's waist, while his left holds her right. Her left hand is placed lovingly on his shoulder, and all they have to do is to listen to the music. Now that is something like it. It is a nuisance to have to gallop a mile or two to get a hug or two. A room full of people sitting around on sofas hugging to music is more to our notion. 'Spooning' at dances is really an old style in Warren."

The immigration tide is continually flowing towards America, and foreigners are being dumped upon our shores at the average of almost 1000 for every day in the week, not including Sunday. From Bradstreet's of Saturday, Nov. 9th, we clip the following: "Immigration during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, reached the lowest level for more than a decade and a half, or since 1879, according to the report of the Commissioner-General of Immigration, made public this week. The total number of immigrants arriving was 258, 536, a decline of over 27,000 as compared with the preceding year. The greater bulk of these immigrants were, upon examination, permitted to land, only 2,419 being debarred and deported at the expense of the various steamship lines transporting them. Of those debarred a little over one-quarter came in violation of the alien contract labor laws. As has already been indicated, the figures for the current fiscal year up to the present indicate an increase in the volume of immigrants for the year ending June 30, 1896, and the Commissioner-General estimates that from present indications, owing to the revival of business and consequent demand for labor, the immigration next year will be in excess of 300,000. This will put the total above that for the fiscal year proceeding, though it would leave it still below the total reached in 1886, which was the lowest reached since 1870 with the exception of last year."

The forestry commissioner proposes to confer with the county commissioners all over the state with a view to having the laws against setting fire to forests enforced and the offenders brought to trial and punished for starting them. Forestry Commissioner Rothrock says "it can be stated with some certainty that the annual direct loss to this Commonwealth by forest fires exceeds \$1,000,000. Most of these fires owe their origin to ignorance, carelessness or maliciousness. Neither of these causes can be considered as sufficient to screen the offender from punishment. Yet, so far as we are aware, in few instances, if indeed, in any, has the offender been brought to justice." The county commissioners are requested to inform Mr. Rothrock as to how many acres have been burned over, how much valuable timber destroyed, how many fences burned, how many men engaged in fighting fire, how long engaged, and to report any loss of buildings, of human life or domestic animals. The commissioners of Jefferson county can give Mr. Rothrock a lengthy report of the forest fires in this county. Twice a year forest fires roar over the hills and through the valleys of a large portion of our county. Commissioner Rothrock expects to soon start on a tour of inspection through Huntingdon, Clearfield and Center counties to ascertain, approximately, the loss sustained by the forest fires. Mr. Rothrock should not miss Jefferson county in his tour, for the forest fires have done great damage in this county this year. The result of his observations will be reported to the Secretary of Agriculture by December 15th.

CHICKASAW INDIANS!

THEIR SPORTS—HOW THEIR SUPPLIES ARE DEALT OUT.

Indian Agent a Fortunate Individual—Indians Imposed Upon.

PAOLI, CHICKASAW NATION, INDIAN TERR., November 5, 1896.

EDITOR STAR.—We took a short trip through Northwestern Texas, commonly known as the Panhandle country. A very dry, arid district exclusively devoted to cattle business. Nowhere under the shining stars do cattle seem to flourish as well as here, no difference how dry it gets. In some places they have had no rain in sixteen months, yet there is an abundant growth of buffalo grass and cattle are as fat on this dry, sun-baked prairie as though they were corn fed. One ranch we were on had one hundred and forty thousand cattle. They pay five cents an acre for the grass and calculate on it taking ten acres to the "critter." The ranch owners are all looked up to and supposed to be as rich as Croesus. In many respects this is the most remarkable country on the face of the globe. Its greatness, however, lies in the flees, bedbugs, roaches, mosquitos, centipedes, caterpillars, chiggers, tarantulas and rattlesnakes that abound here as "numberless as the sands on the sea shore." Flies swarm here as only they did in King Herod's time, and no Moses to intercede for relief.

But as this is to be an Indian letter too much Texas might spoil it. Edwin Bellamy, the hero of "Looking Backward," will never see his pet theory of the twentieth century more fully in working order than right here among these simple, plain, meek, but all at once daring, dashing, blood-thirsting fighters of the plains. These Chickasaws live here under one government (the chief), and have everything in common, without a single care. Uncle Sam supplies their every want, even to Winchester and ammunition, for the reason, we suppose, that they can at a moment's notice go on the warpath. The only difference between these redskins and Mr. Bellamy's gang is, he pensions and relieves from work at forty-five years old, while these are pensioned and retired from the day of their birth. As might be suspected they are very crude and their treatment of each other reminds one of the days of chivalry. The bucks are sour, morose looking fellows and show no evidence of being instructed in the shorter catechism, as is now being done at some of the agencies. They are pre-eminently a playing people, as much so as were the ancient Greeks and the highest conceivable honor for them is to carry off the prize in their various games on one of their feast days. Pole playing is one of their greatest sports, which consists in throwing poles so that they will go through small running hoops without disturbing or changing their course. Possibly marksmanship exceeds all other sports or games. Their ability in this respect would easily excite the envy of Buffalo Bill. They take a stick, split it, "put a nickle in the slot," step off a hundred paces and knock the nickle every time. You must give them the nickle every time they hit, you get it every time they miss it. At first we felt confidence-stricken for going into a game of chance. This idea was soon dispelled, so skillful were they that out of a hundred shots they would scarcely miss once. It soon became apparent that if we were to wear our purses worn at least being rapidly depleted, so we called a halt, much to the chagrin of Mr. Indian.

The most interesting feature of our sojourn among them was "issue day." Prior to this the agent canvasses the nation and takes orders for what they need, and when the day arrives for which all have been impatiently waiting, their supplies are promiscuously dealt out to them. For instance, so many pairs of shoes are needed; they are handed out as the reds file along without regard to size, weight, shape or style. An old buck may get a pair of papoose shoes and a young girl is liable to get a pair of brogans. Then they begin to hunt up their own shoes, perfectly confident that some one has them. Their queer antics, language and expressions, evinced by an occasional fight, make it very interesting. The climaxing feature of "issue day" is the "beef issue." The steers that U. S. has gotten for the occasion are fully up-to-date, great, big, mammoth fellows, corralled, ready to be butchered in the most brutal form. The Indians with bow and arrow, gun, hatchet, hammer, ax, club and every conceivable and inconceivable manner of weapon, stands breathlessly still till the animal is thoroughly enraged and ready for fight. When the signal is given it is a free pitch in and a free fight. After they have succeeded in bringing down their prey every redskin is at liberty to help himself, whether by cutting, sawing, pulling or twisting it off, no difference, so they get meat. Now comes a scene of hide, horns, hair, heart and the balance of the paraphernalia, profusely steeped in blood. It is not an uncommon sight to see a papoose chewing away at a chunk of liver. The marrow out of the horns is eagerly sought after and in the mad rush the tail is by no means forgotten. During the present financial depression this is the first time we have had the pleasure of seeing "beef" on a ranch—horns and tail. After they get a chunk of meat they run with it, and one looking at them would suppose they were stealing it. By this time the squaws appear on the scene and the bucks, after they see that the drugery will be done by squaws, give themselves up to sporting, in the strict sense of the word. They are great gamblers and greater drinkers, when they can get fire-water, as they call it. They seem to get it very easily, too.

These Indians are a mercenary people and differ in complexion from as dark as Calcutta to a marine red. They are considerably mixed with whites, but owing to the warm climate and a constant wind they retain their original color. Of all the men in the west the Indian Agent is the most favored. His position is not only a paying appointment, but the opportunity for making good deals is constantly staring this fortunate individual in the face. It reminds one very much of the Soldiers' Orphan School system formerly in vogue in Penn'a. They are supposed to furnish the best of everything, but poor Le, he only gets the poorest, meanest and cheapest, and a more shameful system of plunder never existed even under the Tweed ring of New York. When everything is taken into account, not only that they are so mercilessly swindled, but that their home—the Indian Territory—has been the rendezvous for all the most notorious outlaws of the American continent, you can expect little of them. This has not only been the hiding place of the famous Dalton, the desperate Cooks, but often the James boys are said to have sought safety here. Every desperado of the west, as well as every eastern outcast, knew their exclusion was perfect if they only got within this "city of refuge." Not only has yellow backed literature flourished here but they have likewise been steeped in the Claude Duval type. More than all, Dick Turpin, the prince of highwaymen, left "footprints here on the sands of time." Yet, give them all the credit you can. Look on their best side, their civil

treatment of strangers. Their singing, which was a special pleasure to me, was always in the minor key. I heard one young buck humming a Wagnerian opera, another Verdis, another, yet always in the minor, never major key. A mother will chant her 20-20-20 to her baby in such a plaintive way, too in the minor key, it would almost bring tears from the eyes of the rattle snakes which abound here. Looking at their best side, when they are smeared with paint and decked with feathers, I would have to call them prehistoric gorillas or pole cats of the unregenerate type.

I might add, in conclusion, that sun bonnets are being worn here, children going barefooted and men without coats or vests. A great many flowers are yet in bloom, verbenas, dahlias, phlox, geraniums, chrysanthemums and many others too numerous for me to spell. GEO. H. MEXNEROFF.

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 survey, one set of survey harness and one buggy tongue. WM. COPPING.

Although Millirens prices on clothing is lower than others, their goods are better.

Ladies if you want a pretty dress go to Bing & Co's.

Bible Reading. We have been requested to publish the following outline of bible reading.

A large number of people in Reynoldsville will read the Bible through during the coming year. The plan proposed is to begin the first Sunday of November and finish in fifty-two weeks; but for the sake of those who may not be able to complete the reading in one year, the time will be extended to Christmas, 1896, when it is hoped, all who have undertaken the task will report to the pastors of the churches what they have done.

Twenty-three chapters a week will accomplish the task, but the following outline is the one to be followed as it separates the reading matter into its natural divisions:

- Nov. 3, Gen. 1-24; Nov. 10, Gen. 26-50; Nov. 17, Ex. 1-19; Nov. 24, Ex. 20-49; Dec. 1, Leviticus; Dec. 8, Num. 1-19; Dec. 15, Num. 20-36; Dec. 22, Deuteronomy; Dec. 29, Joshua; Jan. 5, Judges, Ruth; Jan. 12, I. Samuel; Jan. 19, II. Samuel; Jan. 26, I. Kings; Feb. 2, II. Kings; Feb. 9, I. Chronicles; Feb. 16, II. Chron. 1-27; Feb. 23, II. Chron. 28-36; Ezra; Mar. 1, Neh., Esth; Mar. 8, Job 1-21; Mar. 15, Job 22-42; Mar. 22, Psalms 1-25; Mar. 29, Psalms 26-50; April 5, Psalms 51-75; April 12, Psalms 73-100; April 19, Psalms 101-125; April 26, Psalms 126-150; May 3, Proverbs; May 10, Eccl., Cant; May 17, Isa. 1-23; May 24, Isa. 24-39; May 31, Isa. 40-66; June 7, Jer. 1-31; June 14, Jer. 32-52; June 21, Lam., Ezek. 1-24; June 28, Ezek 25-48; July 5, Dan., Hos; July 12, Joel, Amos, Ob., Jonah; July 19, MI., Nah., Hab., Zeph., Hag; July 26, Zech., Mal; Aug. 2, Mathew; Aug. 9, Mark; Aug. 16, Luke; Aug. 23, John; Aug. 30, Acts; Sept. 6, Romans; Sept. 13, I. Corinthians; Sept. 20, II. Cor., Gal; Sept. 27, Eph., Phil., Col., I. Thess., II. Thess.; Oct. 4, I. Tim., II. Tim., Titus, Phil.; Oct. 11, Hebrews; Oct. 18, Jas., I. Pet., II. Pet., I. John, II. John, III. John, Jude; Oct. 25, Revelation.

It is hoped that everybody will become interested in this course of reading. Several popular meetings will be held during the course of the year for the purpose of awaking a greater interest in this most wonderful of all books.

The Reynoldsville Hardware Co. is offering to sell haps and blankets at cost to close out their stock.

Bing & Co. have just received the finest line of dress goods ever brought to Reynoldsville.

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Why is it that the ten-cent piece a man gives to his wife grudgingly, always looks about four times as big as the dollar he spends on himself without thinking about it?

Why is it that people who are kind to strangers will sometimes be very unkind to members of their own family?

Why is it that it is always so much easier to do what we want to do than it is to do what we ought to do?

Why is it that we are so much more anxious to please men than to please God?

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.

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

Report of the Murray School for the month ending Nov. 8: Whole number in attendance, twenty-four: Those present every day during the month, Emma, Gladys and Clyde Bliss, May Stewart, Lulu Schwem, Dora and Anna Wilson; Those absent but one day, Barbara Hutchison and David Stewart. MARY ANN MCKEE, Teacher.

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

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

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Help Your Neighbor.

If you have made up your mind to live in a town then stand up for it; say all the good things you can about it, and if you know no good then silence in regard to its merits is golden, do what you can to help along every man who is engaged in a legitimate business; don't send away for everything nice you want and still expect the home man to keep a stock to suit the whim of one or two customers. The success of your fellow townsman will be your success. No man liveth to himself, no man dieth to himself, and no man does business independent of his fellow business men. Take your home paper; don't think that the big city dailies fill up all the space. There are little crevices of good cheer, social sunshine, personal mention, in a home paper that the big dailies do not care for, and do not print. Don't abuse your neighbor. The main difference in the number of his faults and yours is that you see through a magnifying glass as a critic. That ill omened bird, the croaker, can do a town more harm in a minute than two good citizens can repair in a month.

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Don't fail to see Robinson's shoes before you buy.

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

Try Millirens for clothing and men's furnishing goods.

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

Don't hesitate to ask to see what Robinson has to show you in shoes. They are always gladly shown.

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

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 centre 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, - PENN'A. PRESTON J. MOORE, Proprietor.

342 bed rooms. Rates \$2.50 per day. American Plan. 1 block from P. & R. Depot and 1/2 block from New P. & 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. McCRACKEN & McDONALD, Attorneys and Counsellors-at-Law, Offices at Reynoldsville and Brookville.

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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!

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Reynoldsville Hardware Co.'s Store.

Remember our Furniture and Carpets are on the Second Floor.

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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.

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