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If marriage is such a lottery, why is it that wedding invitations are allowed to be sent through the mails?

One of the ironies of life is the fact that the man who has money enough to pay as he goes can get all the credit he wants.

If man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn, woman's inhumanity to woman makes countless millions wonder.

A man says that women make fools of themselves when they imitate men, and a woman replies that they certainly do when the imitation is good.

With microbes in our kisses, bacilli in our drinking water, and our food generally condemned by the scientists, the question again arises, is life worth living?

At the Republican primaries held in Armstrong county last Saturday, D. B. Helmer, of Kittanning, present Congressman from this district was re-nominated without opposition.

The new woman has come to the front in Warren county, as a candidate for county commissioner. There are eight men candidates for the same office in that county. The new woman is gradually coming out.

It has been asked why a city is called a "she." The answer seems an easy one. There is always more or less "bustle" about a city. Besides a city has "outskirts," and a "he" could not, under any circumstances, have "skirts" of any kind.

The enormous circulation of such a magazine as *The Ladies' Home Journal* can, in a sense, be understood when it is said that during the last six months of 1895 there were printed, sold and circulated over four million copies—(in exact figures 4,658,891). Figures such as those give some idea of the influence which may be exerted by even a single one of the modern magazines.

Ever and anon some new discovery is made by scientists which astonishes the world. A French savant now comes to the front with the astonishing theory that we are sleeping wrong. He says that to sleep in the old fashioned way, with one's head on a pillow, is simply to invite disease and death. This may be true, as undoubtedly more people die in bed with pillows under their head than any other way. The proper way to have a bed made, declares the French scientist, is to have the pillow placed under the feet. In this way the sleep will be more refreshing; it will be found a cure for insomnia, and of vast benefit to those afflicted with lung trouble.

A writer in the Century states: "What we truly enjoy in each other is likeness, not unlikeness. That is what makes the pleasure of good society. There is no rest save on the common ground. If I meet a man of different tradition, different religion, different race, different language, I am pleased with him for a moment, as I should be with a fairy or an amiable goblin, but he presently bores me, when the surprise of him is over. I find that we have no common ground. The perpetual yearning of our hearts is for intelligent response, and this can come only from our equals, from equality." There is a certain amount of truth in this, but experience shows the tendency to mate with opposites. The short man generally chooses a tall woman; the fair man a brunette and brilliant men often dull wives. Did not Racine read his plays first to his cook? Pray who were the favorites of Goethe but rather stolid lady friends. One of the things hard to account for in social life is the strange contrast between intimate friends and married folks. The assertion is everlastingly being made "Well, I do not see what he or she can admire in so and so." Friendship is a very peculiar and subtle thing. It knows no wherefore in its formation and yet a trifle breaks it. "The course of true love never did run smooth." Intellectual men do not wish their counterparts for friends. Nature abhors monotony and loves the picturesque. So do men. Savage life is a narrow one, for it has few thoughts and employments. All think alike, act alike and die alike. It is only when dissimilarity in mental makeup occurs that real living begins. Talent and genius are the products of civilization and this means infinite variety. If there were no contrasts there would be no life worth the name. If all were millionaires or Edisons, who would do the world's rough work and save us from barbarism?

**HORRIBLE CATASTROPHE!**

**THIRTEEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION IN BERWIND-WHITE SHAFT.**

First Great Mine Disaster in the History of this Region.

The citizens of Reynoldsville were horror-stricken Monday forenoon when the news was spread upon our streets that an explosion had occurred in the Berwind-White shaft near DuBois and that a dozen men had been taken out of the mine dead and that there were at least fifty more men in the mine and the supposition was that they were all dead. The report of the explosion was too true, although the number of men in the mine when the explosion occurred was not one-third as many as was first reported. Thirteen men, all of whom were married but one, lost their lives as a result of the explosion. Following are the names of the dead: James Graham, Sr., James Graham, Jr., who was working with his father, John Moroe, George Postlethwait, Jesse Postlethwait, Henry Harvey, George Harvey, Harry Smith, Lindsey F. Bradley, Andrew Nowak, David Bell, Reuben Noble, George Ainsley.

The Courier gives the following explanation for the cause of the awful calamity: "It is believed the explosion was caused by the dust in the mine being ignited by the firing of a shot, and partook of the character of the fatal explosion in the Pocahontas district several years ago and in the mammoth mine in the Connellsville region 'a couple of years since. This is the theory of experienced miners and mine bosses, and is born out by the fact that the roof and walls were covered with dust and soot, which would not have been the case had the explosion been of gas proper."

When the news of the explosion reached the ears of the miners at the Rochester mine they dropped their tools and hastened to the Berwind-White shaft and endangered their own lives by venturing down into the shaft, which was filled with death-dealing after-damp, to rescue any that might possibly still be alive. It is claimed by those who were there that it was so hazardous to go into the shaft that each man, before getting into the carriage to go below, took from his clothing all little articles, tokens, papers, etc., which they wanted cared for and handed them to friends to take care of. This is another evidence of the willingness of men to risk their lives for others.

The Courier received the following story from Michael Garrett, one of the few men who escaped with their lives, and who was also a survivor of the Johnstown flood: "About 9 o'clock Mr. Garrett and his companion thought they were sensible of a shock having occurred and while they were still thinking of it Mine Boss James Harvey came to them in a hurry and told them to hurry to the foot of the shaft as fast as they could as he was sure there was something wrong. They all went as fast as possible and when they came to the shaft they got into the smoke and knew what the trouble was. Their first effort was to put up some brattices which had been blown off by the explosion, hoping that it might possibly have the effect of turning an air-current to their comrades in the other parts of the mine, but before they had accomplished much they were being overcome by the after-damp and had to be taken up in the cage, one of them then being in a very serious condition himself. That is the story of what happened below up to the time the work of recovering the bodies began, so far as those who came out alive know from personal experience."

The injury to the mine, it is claimed, was comparatively slight, about the only damage being the knocking down of the timbering of the main heading for a distance of 800 or 900 feet. No fire followed the explosion. Nothing but safety lamps have been used in the mine for five or six months.

**Single Track Rope Haulage.**  
The Brockwayville Record of last week devoted a column to a write-up of the coal works at Beechtree, which was under the control of the Bell, Lewis & Yates C. M. Co. for a few years, but reverted back to the Pittsburg Coal and Iron Co. last May. We clip the following paragraph from the Record: "The radical improvements which have placed Beechtree on its present high footing in mining circles is the introduction of a system of rope haulage of the latest improved pattern. This in itself is not such a wonderful affair, for the same haulage system is used at Big Soldier mine at Reynoldsville and Eleanor, and at one or two other places in the district. The great achievement at Beechtree is the feat of hauling on an endless rope over a single track from opposite directions, a feat never, so far as known, accomplished in mining circles before."  
We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors who were so kind during the illness and after the death of our son and brother, August. We are also grateful to the Helping Hand Society and Mrs. F. F. Schurig for the beautiful flowers furnished.  
JOANNA ANDERSON AND FAMILY.

**Church Notices.**

Under this heading will be found the subjects and texts of the pastors of the various churches of Reynoldsville for the following Sunday:

**PRESBYTERIAN.**  
Rev. H. R. Johnson, pastor. Morning: "Looking Unto Jesus," Heb. 12:2. Evening: "A Prisoner of the Lord Jesus Christ," Philemon 1.

**BAPTIST.**  
Rev. E. Lewis Kelley, pastor. Morning: "The Christian's Work," Josh. 15: 1. Evening: "Everybody's Mouth shall be Stopped," Rom. 3: 19.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN.**  
Rev. P. W. Metzenthin, pastor. Morning: Service 10. 30. In connection with it Examination of Catechumens. Evening: "Jesus Enters Jerusalem," Mark 11: 8-9. Sunday School at 9:30, election of officers and teachers.

There will be vesper services every evening of next week in commemoration of the passion of our Lord.

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL.**  
Rev. J. W. Crawford, pastor. Morning: "Peter's Keys on Exhibition," Matt. 16: 18-19. The above "keys" will be presented by special request. A large attendance is expected. Evening, a sermon to young men: "With what shall a Young Man Cleanse his Ways?" Ps. 119: 9.

**Pointed Proverbs.**  
Hard times—the stone age.  
Half a loaf is better than no vocation.  
The average man finds his career ready made.  
It is better to borrow trouble than to buy it.  
Pardon doesn't necessarily include forgetfulness.  
It takes two to quarrel, but only one to make up.  
A good-hearted man isn't necessarily a soft mark.

We shall soon be hearing of the self-made woman.  
The ideal husband is usually some other woman's husband.  
The real martyr never counts on having an audience.

Marriage is a failure whenever it is a disappointment.

Keeping one's temper is equivalent to keeping one's friends.  
Pleasure is a thing of to-day; sorrow holds over from last year.

A woman will make ten excuses for her boy to one for her husband.  
The woman who worries for the second time has no right to complain.

People who are willing to take the bitter with the sweet will find it mostly sweet.

C. F. Hoffman is now selling sewing machines in connection with his jewelry business. He is agent for the White, which is one of the best on the market. Persons in need of a good machine should call on him. He has some beauties in stock.

The best family cough medicine is Extract of Wild Cherry and Tar.

Window shades, all prices, at Stoke's. At King & Co.'s you will find baled hay, salt, flour and a full line of general merchandise.

Don't take any risks. A little cough may get to be a big one. Get a bottle of Extract of Wild Cherry and Tar. For sale at the Reynolds Drug Store.

Wall paper 2c. per roll at Stoke's.  
R. and G. glove fitting corset at J. S. Morrow's.

When you have a bad cold and cough try a bottle of Extract of Wild Cherry and Tar. For sale at the Reynolds Drug Store.

Wall paper 2c. up to 50c. per roll at Stoke's.  
We are now offering THE STAR for \$1.00 a year, cash in advance.

Men's rubbers 50c. at Robinson's.  
The Thrice-a-week edition of the New York World and THE STAR one year for \$1.75.

The cheapest and best shoes for the money in town at J. S. Morrow's.

**Borough Ordinance.**

(No. 38.)

AN ORDINANCE establishing a grade for a side or foot walk, on the North side of West Main street, in Reynoldsville borough, from the East side of Pine alley to the West side of Centennial hall, as shown on David Reynolds' plan, in front of lots Numbers 11, 12, 13 and 14, owned by S. Shaffer, Mrs. Tappan, M. M. Fisher and John Corbett.

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Town Council of the Borough of Reynoldsville, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same, that the grade for a side or foot walk from the East side of Centennial hall, on the North side of Main street, in said borough, be and the same is hereby established as follows, to-wit: Beginning on the East line of Pine alley, at Solomon Shaffer's lot, at present grade; thence for the distance of fifty-eight and four-tenths feet at a fall of twenty-four inches in 100 feet; thence for a distance of thirty and four-tenths feet, at a fall of five inches in 100 feet; thence for the distance of thirty and eight-tenths feet at level; thence for the distance of fifty-eight and nine-tenths feet, at a rise of six inches in 100 feet; to present grade at the West line of Centennial hall.

Section 2. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed, so far as the same affects this ordinance.

Ordained and enacted into a law in Councils this 2nd day of March, A. D. 1896.

SCOTT McCLELLAND, Pres. of Council.  
J. S. HAMMOND, Clerk of Council.  
Burgess' office, March 2nd, A. D. 1896. Examined and approved.

SAMUEL LATTIMER, Burgess.

That old established cough remedy, Down's Elixir, still more than holds its own in the public estimation, despite sharp and active competition. It is a "home remedy," and in this locality needs no words of praise from us, so well and favorably known is it. It is the standard remedy for coughs, colds and all throat troubles, with great numbers of our people, and their continued use and unsolicited recommendation of it speaks volumes in its favor.—*Burlington, Vt., Free Press, January 26, 1882.* For sale by H. A. Stoke.

Perfect Headache Powders are different from all others. Sure relief for sick headache, nervous headache, &c., &c. Try them. For sale at the Reynolds Drug Store.

Watches! watches! If you want one go to Ed. Gooder's as he is having a special watch sale this week.

When you have an "awful" headache try a package of Perfect Headache Powders. For sale at the Reynolds Drug Store.

It will pay you to buy your shoes at J. S. Morrow's.  
Special watch sale at Ed. Gooder's this week.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**County Superintendent.**  
FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT—  
PROF. R. B. TEITRICK,  
OF BROCKWAYVILLE,  
Subject to the decision of the Jefferson County School Directors' Convention, May 5, 1896.



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Selected their Dress Goods early, before the best patterns were picked out, and are adding to their stock whenever anything new is in the market. We expect

**MORE DRESS PATTERNS**

this week. We were pleased to see so many at our Opening and will give our 2nd Spring Opening in a few weeks.

**A. D. Deemer & Co.**

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- Pure Chop, 90c. per cwt.
- Bran, 80c. " "
- Brown Middlings, 80c. per cwt.
- White Middlings, 90c. per cwt.
- 25 lbs. Buckwheat Flour 40c.
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