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We have a great prize offer to make the farmers of Jefferson county! By a special arrangement with the publishers of the *Farm Journal*, a most excellent farm paper that costs 50 cents a year, we are able to offer one year's subscription to THE STAR and FIVE years' subscription to the *Farm Journal*—the two worth \$3.50—all for the small sum of \$1.25. Of course this only applies to advances paying subscribers. We can furnish a few papers at this rate, and if you want them on these terms, you must act QUICKLY! Sample copies of the *Farm Journal* will be sent free on application. Address,

C. A. STEPHENSON,
Reynoldsville, Pa.

The United States has in use five times as many telephones as any other nation. This looks as though the Yankees propose to "hello" whether they're out of the woods or not.

The season is at hand when everybody should clean up the rubbish that has accumulated about the premises during the winter. A few hours work will greatly help the appearance of the place and may save you a big doctor bill when warmer weather comes.

"Squire John T. Cox says: "Wherever there is a claim for damages, the claimant should always be careful to guard against the possible fact of their being proven against him contributory negligence. This thought should always enter into the general condition in human life."

Elk county will have a murder trial at the April term of court. William Black, a negro, is charged with murdering Albert Reed, colored, and George Tyler, white, at Glen Hazel, Elk county, on the night of February 26th, and afterwards burning the house to cover up his horrible deed.

There is a state law which grants a tax rebate of \$1 for every four trees planted along a township road. For instance, the farmer who sets out one hundred trees along the road running through his farm is entitled to a rebate of \$25 in his taxes. The act holds out liberal inducements of which the farmers in Pennsylvania seem to be slow in taking advantage.

County Commissioner W. C. Murray was in Reynoldsville Thursday. He is a candidate for re-election. The Pansutawney News in speaking of his candidacy says: "It is to be hoped that the Republican party will see to it that he is one of the two nominated at the June primaries. Mr. Murray has made an efficient, careful, painstaking Commissioner, the kind that is best suited for the office."

The sassafras season has arrived and no one has been peddling the blood-purifying root in Reynoldsville. Daniel Sharp, who sold sassafras roots here every spring for fifty years, more or less, passed the octogenarian milestone in life's meandering some five or six years ago and since that time rheumatism has been giving him considerable trouble, consequently he don't feel as young as he did fifty years ago, and it is likely he will give up the sassafras business entirely.

Six prisoners in the Elk county jail had their plans well laid to escape jail last Wednesday night, but Deputy Sheriff May made the discovery in time to prevent the jail delivery. The *Ridge-way Democrat* says: "Fully two feet of solid brick wall had been taken out and the loose brick enclosed in bags made of the blankets from the jail beds. Two such bags filled with brick and mortar were found in the hole through which the men had planned to make a hasty exit and another partially completed bag was found under a nearby lavatory."

The season of rope jumping is approaching, and it is timely to throw out warnings to the girls who are disposed to indulge to a dangerous extent in that pastime. A fatal case of excessive jumping has already been reported from Reading, in which city Leah Helen, the 8 year old daughter of Councilman Joseph Witman, died Monday. Last Thursday the child with several companions, while jumping rope indulged in what is known as "pepper." The next morning she went to school as usual, but in the afternoon she was taken ill, and lapsed into unconsciousness. Death was found to be due to peritonitis.

SILK MILL STOCK.

It is An Old Story—It is Resurrected Every Year.

For sometime rumors have been current that a huge trust is to be formed with a capital of \$100,000,000 for the purpose of controlling all the silk mills of the country and freezing out all the small concerns. Much excitement has been felt, and also wild talk and quick jumping at conclusions have been going on at a lively step.

The question is not a new one. It has arisen periodically every now and then since 1888, but every time a close study of the question has revealed such complications and such a number of impediments that each time it has been given up as impossible to solve. Now this last year trusts of every description have become quite fashionable, and trust and combine lovers have deemed the time ripe for its resurrection and started the ball rolling again. It will be like all impossible things; it will fall, to reappear again, like the North pole expeditions.

People at large are stopping at nothing and seem to think that what is possible in a branch of trade is possible in all branches, but this is a very great mistake and here is the reason why.

Some combines can be made to control the staple products and also the common necessities of life, as wheat, oatmeal, crackers, poultry, eggs, spirits, bread, sugar, tobacco, etc., etc., which products are almost always the same, and not subject to the change that styles and fashion bring every season. Sometimes meat, sausage, milk, butter and ice can also be controlled, although never for a very long while. The other products of industry which can most easily be controlled are, as everybody knows, coal, iron in every form, tin plate, rolled bars, rails, nails, etc., also manufactured products such as cotton yarns, cotton cloths, as long as they are not fancy, dye stuffs, matches, bottles, pins, lumber, window glass, bottle glass, crockeries, brick, cement, plaster, tiles, etc.

A trust in industrial business is, with a few exceptions, and especially would be in the case of a silk manufacturing trust, a combine of a number of mill owners who have started in the early beginning of the industry in this country; have made large fortunes, but, finding that they cannot any longer hold their own with their old machinery, which has become utterly obsolete in face of the progress of new and high speed machinery, and especially of the brainy and go-ahead ways of the new generation of younger manufacturers, are trying to get rid of their weaving material—good enough for the junk shop and scrap iron—and palm it off to good natured lambs, who as ever are ready to swallow the pill, which, by the way, they will find a bitter one, when the insiders think the time ripe for squeezing them and in Wall street run the price of the shares down to several degrees below the freezing point. Let the lambs open their eyes and remember that many trusts have before melted away like snow under a July sun, and their securities had not even the value of clean paper to wrap up limburger cheese at the grocery. The cordage trust failure, which occurred not so very long ago, ought to remind them of what they can expect in investing their cash in a business they do not know the first word about.

But when it is a question of a combine in the silk business, which entails the interest of so many side concerns such as mill supplies, throwing plant, dyeing and finishing plants, all of which depend upon each other to run smoothly and thrive, I cannot help thinking it is a huge joke, destined sooner or later to fall flat. In the first place, the silk industry is according to the decree of fashion, subject to many changes. One might say that every season brings along a new class of goods, a new kind of weave, many new designs, which, as soon as Dame Fashion has spoken in Paris or London, must be made here and quick, as the retailer who does not have them on his shelves is eager to get them as quick as possible, and at almost any cost at the beginning of the season, which is the time when he can reap the largest harvest of profits.

Let me tell you that at this moment if a small silk manufacturer of genius has been smart enough to produce some tasteful lines of designs and has had the right information from the other side of the ocean, the retailer will go to him every time and try and have the control of his whole production, especially if he does not belong to a trust.

Trusts are not possible where high novelties and fancy goods are concerned. For the present the style seems to be for a while to wear plain goods in silk fabrics, but how long will this state of things last? Ladies will soon get tired of this and as soon as novelties are in demand again then the life of the silk trust will be ended. Nobody can control artistic works, and most of silk fabrics, when novelty is in style, are works of art, creation of brain.

Just imagine a trust trying to control the work of your painters and sculptors, which adorn your museums. It would be simply ridiculous. The very idea of a trust controlling the silk business is grotesque in the extreme, and is not worth a thought. DICK HANDY,
An Old Paterson Silk Worm.

A skunk got into the ventilating flue of the Methodist church at Sherman, N. Y., a few days ago and gave the audience no little annoyance during a series of revival meetings. After several efforts to get him out he was finally chloroformed in the flue and then removed without increasing the offensive indication of his presence. The opening of the flue will now be covered with netting, and such an unusual accident will not occur again. It must be admitted that the emergency was dealt with in a very diplomatic and circumspect manner.—*Lancaster Examiner*. It is very likely that Rev. P. J. Slattery, pastor of the church, suggested the chloroform means of removing the skunk.

If it is tender, juicy meat that you want, go to L. F. Hetrick's meat market.

A fine all-wool suit for boys from 4 years old to 16 years old for \$1.50 at Seeley's.

The only place in town to get shredded wheat fresh is at W. T. Cox's.

Valuable property, improved and unimproved, for sale. Inquire of M. M. Davis, Esq.

Lots of men's shoes on the counter at J. E. Welsh & Co.'s shoe store that you can get for a bargain.

Letter List.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the postoffice at Reynoldsville, Pa., week ending March 11, 1899:

Miss Mary Lee, J. F. Ross.
Say advertised and give date of list when calling for above.

A. M. WOODWARD, P. M.

Good Bread.

If you want good old-fashioned bread like mother used to bake, buy the Cinderella Range. Its large, high oven insures good baking and roasting. Sold by Reynoldsville Hardware Company.

Look! Look!

Every Saturday we offer special sale prices. You can save money by spending it here. J. C. KING & CO.

FOR SALE—A lot with two good houses and a frame barn, on Jackson street, will be sold cheap. Rental value \$300 per year, good water and in good repair. Inquire of G. M. McDonald, Reynoldsville, or W. R. Morrison, Coal Glen, Pa.

The only genuine Union Railroad Overalls and Jackets are at Seeley's.

Call and see the bargains at J. E. Welsh & Co.'s shoe store.

We sell white lead, oil and a full line of ready mixed paints; a complete stock of painters' brushes at prices that defy competition. HALL & BARTON.

Railroad men, we have the Union-made Railroad Overalls and Jackets. L. P. Seeley.

Your Spring Buying . .

We are pleased to announce the arrival of many new ideas in Spring of '99 merchandise. Having made these selections just at the time when the most could be bought for the least money, gives us the opportunity to name prices that we feel are of unusual interest—in fact,

much lower than their present worth.

This, coupled with the clever styles shown, will increase your interest in the selections, will give to your money a greater purchasing power, and will be an assurance to you that your spring buying will be most profitable here. We invite early inspection.

Bing & Co.
Dry Goods, etc.

SAVE MONEY!

NOW IS THE TIME TO SAVE MONEY ON ANY GOODS IN THE

Hardware or Builders' lines.

All manufacturers of Hardware, Brass, Copper, Iron and Steel Goods have advanced their selling prices from 10 to 25 per cent. owing to the increased cost of raw material. We have a good supply, bought before the advance and can make interesting prices on the same, so now is the time to save money.

CINDERELLA RANGE!

Housekeepers should be wise and call at our store and examine the Cinderella Range. It has more points that excel than any other range on the market, and is sold guaranteed to bake and roast.

REYNOLDSVILLE HARDWARE CO.

C. C. C. ♣ ♣ ♣

Clevelands, Columbias, Crawford's.

My line of 1899 BICYCLES is now on exhibition. Columbias, Clevelands, Crawford's. Come in and see the late improvements and get a Catalogue.

C. C. C.

STOKE, the druggist.

MILLIRENS EASTER ANNOUNCEMENT

Easter Neckties

New Spring Neckwear. New patterns arriving daily. An enormous showing of the new Puffs, Tecks and Imperials, 4-in-hands. All the novelties in colorings and patterns in Silks and Satins. Prices

25 and 50c.

Easter Shirts

Men's and Boys' Fancy Dress Shirts. A wonderful array of all that's New and Best in Madras Cloth, New Checks and Stripes in the neatest colorings and combinations; all with a pair of link cuffs. No values like them shown in the town. Prices

39c., 50c., 75c., and \$1.00.

Call and see them.

EASTER * HATS.

Stiff Hats.

The new Spring Styles from the leading makers, not a new shape but what you'll find here in our store. All the leading colors included, Black, Tan, Covert and Brown Shades. Values were never better. Our prices will save you from 50c. to \$1.00. See our window display and come in and get prices.

Fedora Hats.

Fedoras are very fashionable this Spring. Our line includes all the new things; all fancy colors and Blacks, at money saving-prices.

Prices Range

\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50,
\$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50.