

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

Some Queer Things. It's queer, when the world seems steady, it really is whirling so...

How Fish Hooks Are Made. Boys can make a primitive pin fish hook with a single bend, but it takes strokes of a little machine to turn the regulation fish hook of steel wire.

A Clever Imitation. A certain Cleveland attorney has two bright little children. They are quick at imitation, and have a talent for making up games in which they cleverly outshine their elders.

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sigh of satisfaction, she gave her back to Bessie. "Law, miss, I just wanted to see her close: I wouldn't take her from you."

A Real Giant. It was a warm summer afternoon. Mamma was sewing on the porch, and John and Jane were playing in the shade of a large oak tree.

Mamma looked on for a moment, and then said: "I fear the poor little bug is not laughing or having a good time."

While the children were listening to their mother, the beetle turned over and began running off very fast. "Oh, do let's all follow him, and see where he lives!" cried Jane.

"Dear me!" said Jane, looking sorry. "I didn't mean to scare him. I suppose a boy or girl is a giant to a bug."

Another day John's mother was shocked to see him thrusting a long brass rod down an ant-hole. Think how terrible that must have been for the little helpless ants!

"Once upon a time there was a pretty little house, painted all white, with a climbing rosevine over the front, covered with the pinkest and sweetest of roses."

"Oh! that is not a true story, is it, mamma?" asked Jane, in distress. "It couldn't be," exclaimed John, soberly.

"It is true there are no giants now of that kind for my children to fear," answered their mother, very gravely.

Persons afflicted with epilepsy are almost certain to have an attack of it when on a sea voyage, especially if suffering from seasickness.

BLAND AS HE WAS.

ONE OF THE PLAINEST MEN IN THE COUNTRY.

His Recent Death Caused Widespread Sorrow—Plain Everyday Farmer Who Came Near to a Presidential Nomination.

The late Richard Parks Bland was born near Hartford, Ky., Aug. 19, 1835. He received an academic education. He moved to Missouri in 1855, thence to California, and thence to that portion of Utah now Nevada.

Mr. Bland was never more interested in than at the time of the democratic national convention in 1896.



RICHARD P. BLAND.

has ever undertaken the very hazardous journey. The prince sailed in his good ship Stella Polare (Polar Star) on Monday from Christiania, in Norway.

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He chews a quarter of a pound of tobacco a day. He is poor, honest and independent. He lives on a farm near Lebanon, which, he says, he would sell for the value of the improvements.

SEEKS THE NORTH POLE.

Prince Luigi, the Duke of Abruzzi, who is now on his way to the north pole, is the only royal personage who



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KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED

UNACCOUNTABLE DEATHS.

Four Children Pass Away Predicting the Time of Their Departure—Had Eaten Canned Vegetables.

A malady that has proven a complete puzzle to the doctors has affected the family of Emory Stokes, of Greensburg. Within the past four months three children of the family have died and a peculiar matter in relation to their illness is that, as they were stricken by one, they would tell their parents of presentiments of their death.

The following pensions were issued last week: Thomas Hewitt, North Clarendon, Warren, \$8; Clayton J. Hodgkinson, Brookville, \$6; Lyman Humes, Harrisburg, \$6; John M. Crae, Roxbury, Franklin, \$6; Benjamin Long, West Lebanon, Indiana, \$10; Adney W. Long, William H. Freeman, Lancaster, \$6; William H. DeLong, Emporium, Cameron, \$8; Pat Higgins, Shamokin, \$10; Reuben Leininger, Sunbeam, Franklin, \$8; Philip Begler, dead, Warren, \$12; Westcott Corbin, dead, Hollidaysburg, \$10; Joseph Fisher, dead, Braddock, Allegheny, \$8; Asa D. Coors, Lake View, Susquehanna, \$24; George Hill, Fort Palmer, Westmoreland, \$14; Rebecca E. Beck, New Bloomfield, Perry, \$8; Dora Corbin, Hollidaysburg, \$8; Catharine Foy, Hellwood, Blair, \$8; Mary Masters, Hollidaysburg, Wayne, \$8; Percival Dirk, Shamokin, \$6; Michael Kline, Leetonia, Tioga, \$6; Philip Lamoreux, Lehman, Luzerne, \$6; Levi W. Hartranft, West Hartston, \$6; Isaac Pinkerton, Emsworth, Allegheny, \$6; Reuben H. Lynch, Mechanicsburg, \$12; Grove B. Adams, Oregon Hill, Lycoming, \$6; Isaiah D. Blair, Jersey Shore, \$10; William H. Freeman, Bradford, \$6; John Barnhart, Mt. Carmel, \$6; Wm. Bennett, Braddock, \$6; Russell J. McQuillen, Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Erie, \$8; Andrew Clark, Cowansville, Armstrong, \$8; Edwin C. Palfrey, Pittston, Allegheny, \$6; Wm. Frew, Johnstown, \$6; John Henry Ries, Kittanning, \$6; Geo. W. Fleezer, Butler, \$12; Widows—Elizabeth Davis, Scranton, \$8; minors of Wm. Linn, Robinsonville, Bedford, \$6; with spouse, Louis A. French, Northville, Erie, \$12; Thomas C. Backingham, Scenery Hill, Washington, \$8; William Deeter, Alderson, Luzerne, \$8; George Dilyon, Monongahela, \$8; Jared C. Francis, Roto, \$6.

The bark Bandaneta, Capt. Falek, which is now discharging her cargo at Philadelphia, on the Jersey shore, was visited on Wednesday night by a horrible looking insect, which the captain believes to have been a genuine "strangling bug." The bug attacked the captain's wife. The mate heard her screams and struck the bug down repeatedly. It returned to the attack and was only subdued by the mate attacking it with a heavy handkerchief. The bug was three inches long and had nippers like an ice-man's clip.

A boiler explosion occurred at the Zadock Whitehill sawmill, in Wayne township, near Waynesburg, a few days since. Whitehill, a son of the proprietor, was blown a distance of over two hundred yards and killed. Another son was carried as great a distance, but alighted in the creek and was not seriously injured. The father, Zadock Whitehill, is reported to have been hurt. The boiler divided into two parts, each being carried over 200 yards from the scene.

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The first monument erected over the grave of a victim of the Spanish-American war in Westmoreland county was unveiled at Harrold Cemetery Tuesday. Thousands of people attended the ceremonies. It was in memory of Isaac E. Wentzell, who died at Middletown while in camp with Company M, Sixteenth Regiment, August 28. It is a massive granite shaft.

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William Taylor, superintendent of the Elco Breveting Company at two miles north of Coal Center, was overcome by the fumes of ammonia used at the brewery. He was about 48 years of age and a widower with four children. He was subject to heart trouble, which, with the fumes of ammonia, caused his death.

THE MARKETS.

Table with columns for grain, flour, and other commodities. Includes items like WHEAT, CORN, FLOUR, and various grades of flour and grain.

Table with columns for poultry and other goods. Includes items like HENS, CHICKENS, TURKEYS, and EGGS.

Table with columns for Philadelphia market prices. Includes items like FLOUR, WHEAT, CORN, OATS, EGGS, and BUTTER.

Table with columns for New York market prices. Includes items like FLOUR, WHEAT, CORN, OATS, EGGS, and BUTTER.

Table with columns for live stock prices. Includes items like CATTLE, SHEEP, and PIGS.

REVIEW OF TRADE.

No Signs Indicating a Cessation of the Present Prosperity. R. G. Dun & Co. in their weekly review of trade report as follows: Optimism is always popular, but more than half the time dangerous. Seven years of halting and reaction history fully follow three of rapid progress.