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The Superior Court of Pennsylvania has decided that it is a fraud to employ any one to bid for the owner at a public sale, and renders the sale void and non-forecible.

The Kittanning Republican says: "The man who does not take an interest in municipal affairs has no right to find fault with those who do." Correct. But the fault finding goes on all the same.

The greatest evils in human society are such as no law can come at; as in the case of ingratitude, where the manner of obligation very often leaves the benefactor without means of demanding justice, though that very circumstance should be the more binding to the person who has received the benefit.—Ex.

Hon. W. O. Smith's large vote at the primary election proves that two to one of the Republicans who cast their ballot considered Mr. Smith worthy of the office for which he was announced. If Mr. Smith gets to Congress those who supported him will have no reason to regret it. He has the ability to become a great statesman and will be a credit to Jefferson county.

A well known pen pusher rises to remark: The place to take the true measure of a man is not on the street, nor in the amen corner, nor at the forum or the field, but at his own bedside. There he lays aside his mask, and you learn whether he is an imp or an angel, humbug or hero. We do not care what the world says of him, whether it crowns him with jewels, or pelts him with eggs. We care not a copper what his reputation may be. If his children dread his home coming and his better half swallows her heart every time she asks him for a few cents, he's a fraud of the first water, even though he prays night and morning till he is black in the face, and howls hallelujah till he shakes the eternal hills.

Every community harbors a class of individuals who always oppose any movement which may be started by the more enterprising citizens, and when they are approached for a contribution to help along any such scheme refuse to do so on the plea that their taxes are so high, or that they are afraid that those who have the matter in hand are going to get a pull out of it—in other words that they will steal from the funds which have been raised. They cannot help being built on such a narrow scale and it is a misfortune which all towns have to contend with. How to deal with a man of this character has been a source of great annoyance to the more progressive men of the town.—Kane Republican. We have them in Reynoldsville.

"Make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way," was the text from which Rev. Perry A. Reno preached an excellent sermon in the M. E. church Sunday morning especially to the older members of his church. He earnestly requested the members to "make straight paths" so that those who recently started in the christian way should not be led into "crooked paths" by following older members of the church. The sermon was filled with beautiful thought and would certainly inspire christians to be more careful of how they lived every day. On account of the storm the congregation was not as large as usual Sunday morning and Rev. Reno has been requested by a number of the members to deliver the same sermon again in the near future.

Never get it into your cranium that you are too good to mingle with the "common people," says an exchange. Nice clothes and a four-inch collar does not necessarily make you too good to be civil to those who wear a pair of blue overalls and a blouse. In young men this feeling of loftiness is called "swell head," and in older men aristocracy. Whatever it may be it is not gentlemanliness. No man, young or old, can be a gentleman who treats the working man as an inferior being. Some of the most intelligent men of the age were at one time, and are to-day, working men—men who are not afraid to take off their coats and work at good hard manual labor. But the man who boasts that he never had to work and always had good clothes, and who thinks he is doing a working man a good favor by speaking to him, is the one the world could get along much better without. The working man could get along without the well dressed gentlemen who do not work, but the well dressed gentlemen could not get along without the working man.

**Old Maids.**  
"When is an old maid not an old maid?" was the question recently discussed at a Brooklyn church debating society. We are not informed as to the nature of the arguments or the decision rendered, but the question of itself is not a difficult one to answer. The times have changed and with them the custom of affixing the designation "old maid" to every unmarried woman who has passed the age of five and twenty. The term "old maid" itself grates upon the sensitive ear and is happily being replaced to a considerable extent by "bachelor girl." "Spinster" is no longer appropriate since the spinning wheel has been retired to the garret to gather cobwebs. There are many more bachelor girls from choice to-day than there were 10 or 15 years ago, and every year is adding to their number. It is easy to understand why this is so. Woman is no longer so dependent upon man for her support. Her success in the business world has enabled her to issue a declaration of independence. The only occupations open to women a couple of decades ago were teaching, dressmaking and marriage. Now she may enter any one of the hundreds of fields of endeavor. She need no longer marry "for a home."

Thus it behooves us to be especially careful in these latter days how we apply the term "old maid," with all the meaning it conveys. Nine times out of ten we shall make a serious blunder. It is impossible to fix an arbitrary age limit. Some women of 40 look younger than others of 30. Why use the adjective "old" at all? In polite society no woman is ever old. "Unmarried woman" is sufficiently expressive. Napoleon was wise in his generation. Desiring to stop the dangerous practice of women driving their own carriages on the crowded boulevards, he issued an edict granting permission to all women over 30. No woman took the reins in her own hands after that. There are few old maids remaining, but there are plenty of unmarried women of mature age. And they are as highly honored as any class in the community. The The genus old maid is fast becoming extinct.—Pittsburg Daily News.

**Will be a Big Plant When Completed.**  
D. H. Jones, mine foreman for the Brinker Coal and Iron Co. at West Monterey—formerly known as the Church Hill Coal Co.—was a pleasant caller at the Review office on Monday. Mr. Jones reports the mines now in good running order, and that in the spring compressed air and electrical mining machines will be introduced in the mine. Their houses at Dutch Hill are rapidly being taken by miners, about 40 now being employed. He states that 40 more men can secure work at once. About 100 tons of coal per day are being shipped, and the plant promises to be a big one when in complete running order. George Mellinger, of Reynoldsville, is general manager of the company, and an enterprising and popular man. He makes his headquarters at Dutch Hill and is rapidly bringing the plant up to a high point of perfection. The company has a large body of fire coal to work on, sufficient for 15 or 20 years and are preparing to drive a double entry through to Black Fox, to take out the coal in that section.—East Brady Review.

**People Who Pay the Printer.**  
The following persons have paid their subscriptions or added their names to our list since last report:  
William Cooper, Allens Mills, February 4, 1901.  
Martin McCarty, West Reynoldsville, April 1, 1900.  
H. A. Swab, Reynoldsville, February 27, 1901.  
J. C. Hirst, Flemington, West Virginia, August 23, 1900.  
Gideon Snyder, Reynoldsville, January 1, 1901.  
Mrs. Ruth Clark, Reynoldsville, May 1, 1900.  
George W. Sykes, Reynoldsville, June 16, 1900.  
W. C. Gibson, West Reynoldsville, February 14, 1901.  
James Binney, Reynoldsville, [new] February 21, 1901.  
James M. Foltz, Reynoldsville, January 1, 1901.  
Amos Reitz, West Reynoldsville [new] February 24, 1901.  
John Bassett, Reynoldsville, July 4, 1900.  
Richard Bone, Reynoldsville, February 27, 1901.  
W. B. Hoffman, Reynoldsville, [new] February 26, 1901.  
James Spry, Reynoldsville, February 7, 1901.

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**Soft Coal Market.**  
(Coal Trade Journal.)  
In soft coal circles there is the same activity which has been noted for so long, and it is at prices which will pay the miner, carrier and operator a decent return, and that is something not had in recent years. It will not do, however, for any of these interests to get unduly excited over conditions, and we trust the conservative element may prevail, so that this industry may continue on a good foundation. It is folly to talk of advances of fifty per cent after April 1st, as do some of the operators who really are not informed in regard to the business they are engaged in. Such advances are not at all likely from any point of view, and wisdom would ensure a very conservative condition, for it has taken years to bring about the use of so large a tonnage as is now recorded and the displacing of other fuels.

Many of the railroads are now increasing largely the number of their coal cars, so that it seems probable that the coal companies will be able in the future to move a much larger tonnage than heretofore, thus bringing the supply more nearly to an equality with the demand. One need but read the report from the eastward to find how quickly the market changes from famine to feast. The tonnage which has arrived there is of such volume that people are said to be fairly swamped with it for the time being.  
At Buffalo the soft coal market is in better shape than for several weeks. Coal is arriving in good quantity and although there is not a surplus on hand there is enough to make the trade feel easier. The railroads continue to complain of a short supply but they are in a much better condition than they have been since New Years. The shippers and dealers are looking forward to a big business during March when the consumers will be crowding their orders for the purpose of getting in stock before the raise takes effect on the first of April.

**Rathmel.**  
Dr. Free, of DuBois, had business in town Sunday.

S. E. Thomas was at Falls Creek the first of last week.

Mrs. J. F. Bowser was at Summer-ville visiting friends last week.

Dr. B. F. Shires and W. G. Harris were numbered on the sick list last week.

Charles Cameron, formerly of this place, now of New Kensington, is laid up with typhoid fever. This report was received with sorrow, as Charley has many friends here, who hope for his speedy recovery.

The following were received into the Presbyterian church by letter Sunday: George Snedden, Mrs. Janet Snedden, Misses Martha Snedden and Jennie McPherson. John McPherson was received on confession of faith.

The entertainment and supper held in the P. O. S. of A. hall February 22nd was a grand success. Too much credit cannot be given William I. Swoope, of Clearfield, Pa., as a platform orator. He held the audience spellbound and his talk was received with pleasure.

**Notice to Lumbermen.**  
During the month of February I will receive bids on lot of oak, pine, chestnut and cherry timber; 879,000 within two miles of Summersville station and 600,000 within five miles of Summersville station; estimated by James Steele of Brookville. At so much per 1000 stumpage.  
M. C. COLEMAN, Reynoldsville, Pa.

**A Great Prize Offer.**  
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 advance 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 work of taking the next census will commence June 1. The compensation is fixed by section 17 of March 3, 1890, at a minimum rate of two cents for each living inhabitant, two cents for each death, fifteen cents for each farm, and twenty cents for each establishment of productive industry. The compensation will not be less than three nor more than six dollars per day of ten hours of actual field work.—Punxsutawney News.

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**Low-Rate Excursion to Washington.**  
On Thursday, March 15th, 1900, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run special excursions from points on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad, Erie to Lock Haven, inclusive, to Washington, for the benefit of all who may wish to visit the National Capitol. Round-trip tickets, good going on all regular trains on day of issue, and good returning on any regular train within ten days, exclusive of going date, will be sold at rate of \$10.00 from Erie, St. Marys, and intermediate points; \$8.95 from Driftwood; \$8.15 from Renovo; \$7.50 from Lock Haven; and proportionate rates from other points.

A through sleeping car will be run from Erie to Washington on train leaving Erie at 4.30 p. m.  
Holders of special excursion tickets to Washington can purchase, at the ticket offices in Washington, excursion tickets to Richmond, Old Point Comfort, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Princess Anne Hotel, at special reduced rates.  
For full information consult small handbills, apply to ticket agents, or E. S. Harrar, Division Ticket Agent, Williamsport, Pa.

**A Night of Terror.**  
Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Burnham of Macias, Me., when the doctors said she would die from Pneumonia before morning," writes Mrs. S. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night, "but she begged for Dr. King's Mew Discovery which had more than once saved her life, and cured her of Consumption. After taking, she slept all night. Further use entirely cured her." This marvellous medicine is guaranteed to cure all throat, chest and lung diseases. Only 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at H. Alex. Stoke's drug store.

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