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If peace has her victories no less renowned than war, she also has her horrors, as well as war. A recent report of the internal department made the startling statement that railroad fatalities in the states last year had equalled the number of killed in any of the great battles of the civil war. This is but one branch of the great chain of industries which result from civilization. Take the numberless fatalities in the mines, the mills and construction work and the comparison will make war seem less a crime from the viewpoint of mortality. Even luxury and the refinement of civilization, the theatre, may some times bring forth horrors more terrible than a pitched battle.

Within a few days of each other, two of the greatest leaders in the Lost Cause passed to the grave, Generals Longstreet and Gordon. Almost alone they stood the last great Southern survivors of the world's mightiest conflict, and though but thirty-eight years ago they were rebels against their country, they died not only loving the government they once tried to overthrow, but even respected and admired by the north against whom they fought. Part of this was due to the generous chivalry of their natures, which submitted to the inevitable with the best of grace. But the respect which the north now almost invariably pays to the beaten south is due to a deeper trait in the English character: the love of bravery and heroism, whether in friend or foe. The men whom these generals led were beaten, but not through cowardice; they fought as few men ever fought before.

On a cold winter day several years ago a tramp, with hair and beard almost as white as the snow which lay upon his hat, came into our sanctum sanctorum and asked for old exchanges. As he put them in his ragged coat pocket he remarked that they were to be his pillow, sheet and blanket for the night. At that time the old coke ovens above town were in operation and in one of the empty ovens, yet warm from the drawa coke, he enjoyed a good night's rest. It was such a pleasant place in truth that above the oven door he tacked a sign on which was rudely scrawled "God Bless Our Home." Like most knights of the road, he stayed a day and then passed on.

This is just a glimpse of the life of a wandering man; a man whom the world condemns as a semi-criminal and society shuns. The tramp does not help support the state and is not a benefactor of man. The home and the hearthstone are sacred in America and the tramp has neither—this is his chief offense. But the tramp is not necessarily a criminal. His habitations and his cleanliness may be repulsive; for that he must be condemned. But the principle of his life, that of leading a wandering existence, is not as bad as it might seem. It is Hawthorne who somewhere argues the error of men becoming rooted to one spot and building massive homes. These heaps of stone, of brick and wood called houses may be stumbling blocks in the path of human happiness. Morbid influences, the tales of death and sorrow, grow around every hearth and send their poisonous melancholy on all that live around it after. How many men have tolled a life time, often in the race for sufficient money committing wrong which haunted them after, only to build a gloomy dark-chambered mansion for himself to die in and for his posterity to be miserable in. After all, would it not be more pleasant to return in part, at least, to the wandering life of our forefathers? This does not mean a return to barbarism, but rather a still higher mode of life than at present. The telegraph, girdling the earth, and the railroads, swift, luxurious, and convenient, have made possible a traveling life without separation from friends. That such a life would be agreeable is proven by the love of continual visiting and travel shown by people of refinement and wealth. Therefore the wandering knight of the road, outlaw that he is, may only be the precursor of a new and better way of living, when all men, incessantly mingling, shall become more fraternal, and nations, also mingling, shall cease to regard each other as enemies.

**Wonderful Nerve.**  
Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklin's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best salve on earth for Piles, too. 25c, at H. Alex Stok's, Druggist.

**BEECHWOODS IN OKLAHOMA.**

Healthy Country, Broad Roads, Productive Farms, Corn Not Husked.  
Dear Creek, Oklahoma, Jan. 4, 1904.  
Editor THE STAR:  
As I was starting to Oklahoma to visit my son, J. G. Brenholz, whom I had not seen for 18 years, my friends in Beechwoods, Jefferson Co., Pa., requested me to write a letter to THE STAR, especially my friends Alex McClelland and George Burtop, and here it is.

I left New Bethlehem, Pa., at 9.00 a. m. Monday and arrived at Deer Creek, Oklahoma, Wednesday at 9.00 p. m. via the B. & O. to St. Louis, Missouri, then took the 'Frisco R. R. to Oklahoma. I had a very nice trip, only got a little tired riding night and day a distance of about 1,400 miles. I stood the trip better than I expected and was feeling well when I got here. I saw some very nice country along the road, but think the farmers a little dilatory about getting out their corn, as I saw lots of it still unhusked in the fields. Guess they are getting ready to plant their spring crop for they are plowing here now. The weather is fine. I see people going in their shirt sleeves, in fact I shed my own coat next morning after I got here, was dressed to warm for this country. It is some colder today and a coat is all right. This is a fine country, practically level and from the appearance of the improvements on the farms, a very productive one. They waste lots of ground here on roads, they are 60 feet wide and are good at this writing.

Dear Creek is a town of about 300 population, located in Grant county, north-eastern Oklahoma. The people here all seem to have good health, especially is this the case with my son's family. I have some hopes of fishing up myself. My son, who, when he came to Oklahoma, only weighed 135 pounds now weighs 194 pounds. Everything is north, south, east and west, here, as all roads are on sectional lines and run straight, a cross road every mile. Have not been here long enough to go over much of the country yet. Now if this escapes the waste basket I will tell you more of the country as I see it.  
Yours Respectfully,  
L. P. BRENHOLTZ.  
Home address, Allens Mills, Pa.

John H. Doubles, the butterine dealer, handles a high grade of butterine which he sells at 22 cents per pound. The people like it.

You can get the best ladies' shoe in the world at Nolan's shoe store for \$2.00.

**WANT COLUMN.**

Rates:—One cent per word for each and every insertion.

WANTED—Girls to learn cloth picking, winding and weaving. Apply Enterprise Silk Co.

To Let—A new seven room house, including bath room, hot and cold water. M. M. Fisher.

For Sale—Three lots on northeast of Grant street and two lots on the corner of Eighth and Grant streets by administratrix. Also a second hand parlor coal or gas stove for sale. Mrs. S. M. Rhoads.

FOR SALE—Two gas heating stoves. Inquire at THE STAR office.

For Rent—House on Pleasant Avenue. Inquire at S. Shaffer's office.

For Sale—Good house on Grant street with three acres of land. The house has bath rooms, closet, steam heat and gas lights all through house. Inquire at "The Star" office.

FOR SALE—House and lot on 12th street. A bargain. Write to A. M. Wadding, Brookville, Pa.

WANTED—Boy to take care Business College. Free commercial course.

For Rent—House at corner of Third and Hill streets. Inquire at THE STAR office.

For Sale—One billiard and one pool table cheap. Call at City Hotel, Reynoldsville, Pa.

FOR SALE—Good house on Hill st. Will be sold at a bargain if sold quick. Inquire at THE STAR office.

For Sale—House and lot in West Reynoldsville and a farm in Washington township. Inquire of L. W. Perrin, Box 187, Reynoldsville, Pa.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

For Assembly—  
W. T. COX,  
OF REYNOLDSVILLE,  
Subject to action of the Republicans of Jefferson county at the primary election Tuesday, February 16, 1904.

For Assembly—  
S. TAYLOR NORTH,  
OF YOUNG TOWNSHIP,  
Subject to action of the Republicans of Jefferson county at the primary election Tuesday, February 16, 1904.

For Assembly—  
R. H. LONGWELL,  
OF BROCKWAYVILLE BOROUGH,  
Subject to the action of the Republican voters of Jefferson county at the Primary election February 16, 1904.

For State Senate—  
JOHN S. FISHER,  
OF INDIANA, PA.  
Subject to the action of the Republican voters of Jefferson county at the primary election February 16, 1904.

**Death From Bright's Disease.**

Mrs. Benjamin J. Sykes, of Troutville, sister of Mrs. S. M. Gourley and sister-in-law of G. W. Sykes, of this place, died at her home at 9.00 p. m. Monday, January 4, 1904, of Bright's disease, and was buried in the Evangelical Church cemetery at Troutville Thursday afternoon. Deceased was 46 years old. From the Panxutawney Spirit we clip the following:  
"Mrs. Sykes had been a sufferer for about two years but her malady did not assume a dangerous character until about three months ago when her family physicians announced that her trouble had developed into a case of the dread disease. Buffalo physicians had also been consulted but they were unable to arrest its progress. Mrs. Sykes was then taken to Pittsburgh and her case was placed in charge of an eminent specialist who offered her much encouragement. The disease, however, had passed to the incurable stage and despite her courageous battle to regain her health she grew gradually weaker and on Monday began to realize that the end was near, although she retained consciousness until shortly before her death.

The deceased was a kind, gentle mother, a patient, loving wife and a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church from childhood. Early in life, owing to the death of her mother, she was called upon to assume a greater portion of the household duties necessary for the rearing of a large family of brothers and sisters. Through all these years no sacrifice was too great for her to make, either in providing for the comfort of those left in her charge or watching by the bedside of a sick brother or sister. Just before departing this life Mrs. Sykes called her husband and family to her bedside and after bidding them a last farewell and expressing the conviction that she was going to a brighter world she entered upon the long last sleep peacefully."

**Letter List.**

List of unclaimed letters remaining in post office at Reynoldsville, Pa., for the week ending Dec. 9, 1904:  
W. H. Beck, Miss Alice Colter, Thomas D. Evans, Eddy Cryner, Mrs. Graber, Gilbert Groves, Nick Himes, Miss Maggie Roynt, Mrs. T. J. Taladay, Miss Katharine Wise, John Zimmerman.

Foreign—Giuseppe Spadaio. Say advertised and give date of list when calling for above.  
E. C. BURNS, P. M.

**Domestic Troubles.**

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c, at H. Alex Stok's Drug Store.

Tarry brand of eandee rubbers at Nolan's shoe store.

J. E. Mitchell, merchant tailor, near Hotel Imperial.

**A Merry Mix-Up.**

If new and up-to-date ideas, catchy songs, clever specialties, fine scenery, a cracker-jack band and splendid orchestra will draw a crowd there surely should be one at the Reynolds opera house to-morrow night, Jan. 14th.

All the above is embodied in Frank Adams' new production of "Uncle Hez." That this company is held in high esteem by theatre goers everywhere is well demonstrated by the following clipping from the New Orleans Times-Democrat of March 24th:

The rural play has always been a favorite in New Orleans and there was a large audience at Crescent last night to see and hear Frank Adams and his company in "Uncle Hez" and the attendants were mightily pleased with the performance, which includes a little bit of almost everything with comedy and music uppermost. The company carries a good band and orchestra, which adds much to the performance. Frank Adams is versatile and in addition to playing the title roll acceptably introduces some good musical specialties. Specialties are introduced by other members of the company during the action of the play.

**Rathmel.**

William McKellop, of Morrisdale, spent Sunday here.

Mr. N. F. Dean is at Brookville this week serving as a juror.

Cal. Williams, of Ridgway, was a caller here last Thursday.

Rev. George Headley, of Luzerne Co., visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. Daniel Eisenhuth, of East Brady, is visiting friends here this week.

James Roberts, of the DuBois Business College, spent Sunday with his parents here.

The meetings at the Church of God conducted by Rev. Dr. A. J. Meek assisted by J. E. Kirkwood are well attended. Mr. Kirkwood's sermons are followed by lantern pictures which are explained by Rev. Meek. Mr. Kirkwood preached to large audiences both Sunday morning and evening. The meetings will continue each evening this week.

Engineer E. S. Vosburg, who is said to hold the highest percentage of any man on the Low Grade and River Divisions on air and its appliances, has received official recognition, having recently been appointed air brake expert for the above named divisions. He will take a special course in the near future and will then be thoroughly equipped for his new duties. We congratulate Mr. Vosburg on his appointment and prospects.—Driftwood Gazette.

D. Nolan's shoe store will sell 500 pairs of men's and women's shoes below cost for the next twenty days.

**THE STATE GRANGE.**

The State Grange first met in the city of Reading thirty-one years ago. A number of those who helped to organize it were at Wilkesbarre. In many instances the children of the founders are now the active workers.

Farmers' Institutes, good as they are, can come to any one place only once a year, and to most places even more infrequently, for communities must take their turn. If you want it the grange will be with you always. Every topic that is appropriate for a farmers' institute is equally so for a grange meeting. Not only so but many subjects and lines of work that are beyond the scope of the institute are properly within the grange. The farmer who either wants to do good or receive good is missing his best opportunity if he stands aloof from the grange.

Worthy Master Hill concluded his address at Wilkesbarre with the following timely thought: "Let everyone then do his full duty. Damp zeal, like damp powder, has no force. We must be a positive and an aggressive force to bring the best results. The world admires animation. Inaction and lethargy are suggestive of graveyards and are repulsive to most people. Activity along carefully digested plans wins both from its own merits and also because people are always ready to help push the moving wagon while they leave to the mire the one that is stuck in the mud."

Agriculture was the primal industry of civilized man. It always has been and always must be the cornerstone of our industrial structure. Inasmuch as it began when the world was young and unskilled, it has long been regarded as an occupation requiring little knowledge and only primitive methods, and the farmer has been paid accordingly. Public sentiment, however, is undergoing a change. The farmer himself is realizing as never before that scientific principles underlie his business and that even the mechanical part of his work requires skill in the use of machinery not surpassed by the workmen in the factory. There are few places on the modern farm for Markham's man with the hoe. In the social and especially in the political field he has a most important part to play. The grange is teaching him to realize and to fill his true position and when he has fully learned his lesson he will see to it that he gets his share of the wealth he produces.

**Annual Meeting.**

REYNOLDSVILLE, PA., Dec. 16, 1903.  
Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Reynoldsville and Falls Creek Railroad Company will be held at the Company's office in Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, January 19, 1904, at ten o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a President and Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. LUCIUS W. ROBINSON, President.  
Attest: JOHN H. WHITMORE, Sec.

**A Very Close Call.**

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by H. Alex Stok's. Price 50 cents.

**Saved From Terrible Death.**

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt, of Bargerton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed Bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial Bottles Free at H. Alex Stok's Drug Store.

**Notice to Stockholders.**

REYNOLDSVILLE, PA., Dec. 16, 1903.  
Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the Jefferson and Clearfield Coal and Iron Company will be held at the Company's office in Reynoldsville, Pa., on Tuesday, January 19, 1904, at 10.00 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.  
LUCIUS W. ROBINSON, President.  
GEORGE L. EATON, Secretary.

Men's high cut lace rubbers at Nolan's shoe store for \$1.85 a pair.

Drawing of all kind done promptly and coal delivered on short notice. George Hartman, drayman.  
Ladies' shoes at 75c a pair and men's shoes at \$1.25 a pair, formerly sold at \$2.00 and \$3.00. D. Nolan's shoe store.

**SHICK AND WAGNER**

—The Big Store—

**Sale on Knit Goods**

— ETC. —

January is the month when everybody expects to see bargains. We are not going to disappoint you.

We are this week making a special offering of KNIT GOODS and a few odds and ends in

**YARNS**  
and some left overs in  
**UNDERWEAR.**

All who know "The Big Store" know that when we offer bargains it is a real genuine

**bargain.**

We are willing to sacrifice on these goods in order to keep our stock from accumulating odds and ends, broken sizes, etc.

Knit Goods will include small lots of Underwear for Ladies and Children—

Mittens and  
Gloves  
Leggings  
Knit Skirts, &c.

CORNER OF MAIN AND FIFTH STREETS IN REYNOLDSVILLE

**A Clean Sweep Shoe Sale**

For one week, commencing January 14, we are going to sell shoes for

**Less than Cost.**

Not old stuff, but nice, new, clean, up-to-date Shoes. Grasp this opportunity to get good shoes cheap.

\$3.00 Men's vici or box calf bals.,	\$1.98
\$4.00 Walk-Overs, broken lots,	\$2.50, 3.00
\$3.00 Queen Qualities, broken lots,	\$2.24
\$3.00 Men's Woonsocket gum boots,	\$2.29
Two hundred pair of ladies' \$2.50 shoes, any size, at	\$1.98
A lot of \$2.00 shoes for ladies,	\$1.59
Misses' shoes at	79c
Children's shoes at	59c
Misses' Rubbers, sizes 13 to 2,	28c
Misses' Jersey Leggings,	50c

Attend this bargain sale and it will be money saved for you.

**ROBINSON'S SHOE STORE.**

**Save \$25.00 This Winter!**

From \$15.00 to \$25.00 can be saved each winter by using

**Cole's Original Hot Blast Stove**

This wonderful stove burns the GAS HALF of soft coal which is wasted on the chimney with other stoves. Makes \$2.00 soft coal equal to \$9.00 hard coal. Even heat day and night and perfect cleanliness. Fire never out. Perfect results also with hard coal or wood.

BEWARE OF IMITATIONS.

There is no other stove like it and none that will give you the satisfaction; therefore insist upon getting the GENUINE COLE'S HOT BLAST—sold only by



**KEYSTONE HARDWARE COMPY**  
Near the Post Office, Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania