

Patton Courier.

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The fund for the widow and children of Gen. Lawton has reached over \$11,000 and is still growing.

The factory inspectors in Pennsylvania report 2,228 accidents for the last year. Three-fourths of them are ascribed to carelessness.

Failures in the first two weeks of December were \$4,422,066 against over \$9,000,000 in the corresponding period of last year and \$14,602,007 in 1898.

The 1,000 veteran employees of the Pennsylvania railroad who were re-fired January 1st on pensions, doubtless believe the great combinations of capital are not all bad.

President McKinley has a way of doing small things that endears him to the public. Christmas day he ordered a beautiful wreath sent to the home of the late George Marshall, the police man who served about the White House for seven years.

The next Republican county convention will probably be held during the latter part of March this year, in view of the fact that the State convention will be held April 25th. The most important nomination will be that of Sheriff. Already several are in the race for that honor.

An attempt will be made to get early action in the House on the Senate bill, providing for a non-partisan commission to revise and codify the pension laws, and to report to Congress whether any change in those laws would be advisable, and if so, why? The bill provides that at least one member of the commission shall be a G. A. R. man.

It is evident from the talk of Senators that the Senate is likely to adopt some sort of a resolution dealing with the policy of this government towards its new possessions. Among the scores or more of such resolutions, already offered, is one by Senator Morgan, which is the shortest of them all, and about the only one that would be likely to get support from both sides of the expansion question. It reads as follows: "Resolved, That in pursuance of section 4 of Article IV of the Constitution, the U. S. will guarantee to the people of Porto Rico, Hawaii, the Philippine Islands and all other states and peoples within its sovereign jurisdiction and control, a republican form of government, and will protect them against invasion." There may be other resolutions offered that will be more acceptable, but this one is more favorable than any of those already offered.

THE PEOPLE ARE CONTENT.

From Boston Herald, Bedford Co. A desperate effort is being made by some Republicans in this district who happen to find themselves, of their own volition, outside the best works to get a candidate for Congress who will tuggy to their beck and call. They cannot understand why our present Congressman, without mixing in every petty deal and refusing to work the office for all that's in it for their personal benefit, is daily growing in the estimation and confidence of the people. Hence, they are scouring the district from "Dan to Beersheba" for a man who will suit them. The people, in the meanwhile, are content with their choice, and propose to give Mr. Thropp a fair trial, and not condemn him on the mere say-so of the persons who attempted to defeat him and failed.

BOERINGS.

The Irish Transvaal committee appeals for funds to send out an ambulance to be attached to the Irish brigade in the Boer service.

A Transvaal man, writing home, says the Boers are wondering what to do with the Queen when they take Britain, and on what island to imprison her.

When the Boers mobilized their forces it is said that they only called out the first levy, of men between 18 and 34, some 25,000 in all. The second levy would consist of those between 35 and 50. The third levy would sweep in everybody else capable of bearing arms.

G. H. Appleton, Justice of the Peace, Clarkburg, N. J., says, "DeWitt's little early risers are the best pills for constipation. We use no other." Quickly cured all liver and bowel troubles. C. W. Hodgkins, Patton Pharmacy.

Ripans Tabules assist digestion.

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Coats That Last a Century.

To wear your grandfather's coat would not seem much of an honor, but to John Chinsman it is the greatest felicity. Not only is the common looking, shapeless blue blouse of his ancestor prized because it is his ancestor's, but because of its intrinsic value. The clothing usually worn by the Chinese is of the purest silk and costs anywhere from \$100 to \$250 a suit. As a nation the Chinese object to wearing clothing of any other kind, and centuries of experiment have taught them how best to make up the costly caterpillar thread into the most durable form. On this account the Chinese dress, though of purer material, has none of the sheen usually associated with silk, a peculiarity which has resulted in the erroneous ideas as to their composition. All the garments are made in China and are only exported for the personal use of Celestials in foreign countries.

Owing to their cost, however, they are only purchased at long intervals, each garment being of so durable a character that they are handed down to the third and even the fourth generation. Wear appears to rather improve them than otherwise, with the result that the coat of the father or grandfather often has more intrinsic value than the newer and less worn articles. —Omaha World-Herald.

The Walls Ran Down.

The Irishman who went up in the hotel lift without knowing what it was did not recover easily from the surprise. He relates the story in this way: "I went to the hotel, and says I, 'Is Misher Smith in?' " "Yes," said the man with the sojer cap. "Will yez step in?" "So I steps into the closet, and all of a suddint he pulls the rope, and the truth is he telling yez—the walls of the building began ranning down to the cellar. " "Och, murher?" says I. "What'll become of Bridget and the children which was left below there?" "Says the sojer cap man: 'Be anny sorr. They'll be all right when yez come down.' " "Come down, is it?" says I. "And it is no closet at all, but a bairnshin balloon, that yez got me in!" "And wid that the walls stood stock still, and he opened the door, and there I was wid the roof just over my head! And, begorra, that's what saved me from going up to the hevins intirely!" —Irish Independent.

Dahlia For Food.

It is an interesting fact that when the Dahlia was introduced into Europe it was not as a flower that it was valued, but as a vegetable. The plant is said to be really akin to the potato, and it was thought that it would prove an important addition to our food resources. The single variety introduced to have been imported first, the Marchioness of Bote having introduced it about 100 years ago. It came to us from Madrid, the Spaniards having it in the Heved, found first in Mexico, and it was introduced into France as well as England.

A few daring adventures appear to have made trial of it as an edible root, but it is never an easy matter to popularize a new article of food, and the tuber of the Dahlia did not take on. If it had done so, the probability is that we should never have troubled much about its cultivation as a flower. We never do grow things for fruit and flower, too, and if we had sacks of Dahlia bulbs in Covent Garden we should have had no Dahlia show at the Crystal Palace.—London Correspondence.

His Opinion of Shakespeare.

There is a story going about concerning a famous man of letters who visited Washington recently. He appeared at but one dinner party. There he sat next the young daughter of a noted naval officer. Her vocabulary is of a kind peculiar to very young girls, but she rattled away at the famous man without a moment's pause. It was during a pause in the general conversation that she said to him: "I'm awfully struck on Shakespeare. Don't you think he's terribly interesting?" Everybody listened to hear the great man's brilliant reply, for as a Shakespearean scholar he has few peers. "Yes," he said solemnly. "I do think he is interesting. I think he is more than that. I think Shakespeare is just simply too cute for anything."—Washington Post.

Costly Lessons.

"What's that there young man's business?" asked Mr. Parvenu. "He's a tutor, I believe," replied his wife. "What does he teach?" "One of them old sciences, I s'pose," answered Mrs. Parvenu. "I ain't just sure what it is, but last night Marybelle told me he was giving her some lessons in oculution." "Well, I s'pose she's got to be educated," returned the old man. "I only hope he won't charge no fancy price for his lessons."—Chicago Post.

Steadfast Nature.

"I have seen Brother Bruggetts grow from a poor young man to a middle aged millionaire," said the aged minister. "and it has not changed him one bit. When he first entered my church, he established the habit of putting a quarter in the plate every Sunday, and though he has since grown rich, he puts in his 25 cents."—Indianapolis Journal.

Why He Was Wakeful.

"Didn't sleep a wink last night," said the dyspeptic. "Overwork?" "No; I heard one of those songs about slumber sweetly, sweet dreams be thine, and the confounded tune kept running through my head all night."—Washington Star.

DECKERS IN DEBT.

Deeds Recorded at Ebersburg up to Date Friday, December 29.

Joseph P. Swope et ux. to Peter M. Swope, Chest, \$1,500.

Anne McMullen to John Durbin, Clearfield, \$500.

Louis Barbut et ux. to Leocadie Tobie, Elder, \$40.

John E. Kirsch, by Treasurer of Cambria county, to Commissioners of Cambria county, Barr, \$5.

Michael Kirsch, Sr., Barr, \$5.

James Swires, by Treasurer of Cambria county, to Commissioners of Cambria county, Clearfield, \$1.

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A. Shara, by Treasurer of Cambria county, to Commissioners of Cambria county, Gallitzin borough, \$1.

Commissioners of Cambria county to James Pierce, Gallitzin borough, \$1.

John Sheets, by Treasurer of Cambria county, to Commissioners of Cambria county, Dean, \$8.

Commissioners of Cambria county to William Hildebrand, Dean, \$8.

John W. Kephart, Master, to A. A. Gramling, Barnesboro, \$27.

John Entier et ux. to Mary Glasser, Carrolltown, \$500.

Administrator of William McCauley to John H. Dougherty, Dean, \$700.

Lewis Newhaus to Harbison & Walker company, Reade, \$1.

John Johnson, by the Treasurer of Cambria county to J. A. Shoemaker, Reade, \$5.

Mary A. Burley to Deliah Cunningham et vir et al., Carroll, \$1.

Administrator of Aaron Burley to Fred G. Betts, Carroll, \$1.

Catharine Bearer et al. to Fred G. Betts, Carroll, \$1.

Guardian of Della Ivory et al. to Henry I. Conrad, Clearfield, \$665.

Susan J. McDermitt to Henry I. Conrad, Clearfield, \$125.

Leonard J. Litzinger et ux. to F. S. Burgoon, Ashville, \$250.

Rachel Keith to Tony Wright, Susquehanna, \$50.

Della Frank et ux. to Sarah Westover, Susquehanna, \$100.

Milton Westover et ux. to Sarah Westover, Susquehanna, \$100.

John J. Westover to Sarah Westover, Susquehanna, \$100.

Lawrence Westover to Sarah Westover, Susquehanna, \$100.

George T. Blise to Harbison & Walker company, Dean, \$1.

John A. Platt, by the Treasurer of Cambria county, to J. A. Shoemaker, Susquehanna, \$8.

Ripans Tabules; pleasant laxative.

A Lively Streak of Mouse.

Several persons standing in front of a show window on Fourth street watching a procession of Japanese mice in a cage as they ran in at one door of their sleeping apartment and out at another with lightning rapidity became involved in a dispute as to how many of the animals there were. One of the others thought there were at least three. They were very active, curious little animals and, instead of being of the proper mouse color, were black and white, marked in large blotches like Holstein cattle or old fashioned swine. The holes into and out of which they came were close together, and they chased around so swiftly that it was impossible to count them, for sometimes there was a mouse at each hole and sometimes one outside and the others inside, and sometimes it appeared as if there were just one long mouse in a circle revolving on a pivot, with noses sticking at intervals.

The mad race was kept up for some time, and finally all the mice disappeared as if by magic. One of the spectators went into the store and asked how many mice there were in the cage. He was able to decide, as they moved too quickly to be counted. A clerk said there was only one mouse, and it was impossible to count it except when it was asleep and, seeing a look of incredulity on the countenance of the caller, raised the top of the cage and showed one little black and white mouse peering on a piece of cotton in a corner.—Portland Oregonian.

The Bottle at Ship Launches.

Down to Charles II's time it was customary to name and baptize a ship after she was launched, sometimes a week or two after. The old-time method used for men-of-war was still in use. Peppy's "Diary" shows that the ship was safely got afloat, after which some high personage went on board with a special silver "standing cup" or "dagon" of wine, out of which he drank, naming the ship, and poured a libation on the quarter deck. The cup was then generally given to the dockyard master shipwright as a memento.

When did the present usage of naming and baptizing a ship before she is sent afloat come in? I trace the first explicit mention of the old method to 1604, when the Royal Katherine was launched (see Peppy). The first mention of naming a bottle of wine on the boxes of a British man-of-war that I have found is in a contemporary newspaper cutting of May 1783, which says that the launching of H. M. S. Magnanime at Deptford, but nothing is hinted that it was then a new custom.—Notes and Queries.

Hours of Work in the Calcutta Jute Mills.

The hours of work in the Calcutta jute mills are from 4.30 a. m. to 9 p. m., or 10 1/2 hours per day. Saturdays included, and all repairs and cleaning of machinery have to be done on Sundays.

"Growlers."

"Please don't go in there. That's the growler, and it's occupied." It was a young West Philadelphia nation who made the remark as she was showing a friend through her new home.

"The growler?" she asked the other. "What's that? Not where you rush the growler, is it?"

"This was said in a jocular spirit, and the visitor was rather staggered by the reply. "That's it exactly, where we rush the growler, although perhaps not in the way you fancy. You see, my husband is an occasional sufferer from indigestion, which doesn't improve his temper, and there are also times when my own temper—I tell you this in confidence—is not of the best. Well, when we moved out here and had new rooms, I hit upon the plan of setting aside one as a place of solitary retirement, where we could go and be alone, when either of us felt our temper getting the best of us. I have called it the growler, because we can lock ourselves in there and growl our hearts' content until we have quite recovered. We both avail ourselves of it, and I think it's a very good idea. George is in there now, and I wouldn't disturb him for the world."—Philadelphia Record.

Frances Willard's Empty Purse.

It is characteristic of the late Frances Willard that she never had any money. Miss Gordon attended to her finances, and it was found on the whole best to leave Miss Willard's purse empty, because if she started out in the morning with a full pocket, she came back penniless in the evening. One night she told in her inimitable way of having gone to Chicago and reached Rest Cottage again on the capital of a postage stamp. At the station she turned her pockets out, but not a bit of change was to be found. She came back penniless in the evening. "What am I to do about it?" she asked the agent perplexedly. "Anna is out, I think, and I haven't a cent of money." "I'll give you a ticket, Miss Willard," said the clerk.

"When I got into the bus I remembered again," she said, "and told the driver, 'I think I'll have to walk, for I haven't any money.' "Oh, that's all right, Miss Willard," said the driver. And so all day, greatly to her amusement, she went on getting in debt to the railroads, cabmen and restaurateurs.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

He Did a Cut.

In a rural community in one of the middle states dwelt a man who made a vow in 1856 that he would wear his hair and beard untrimmed until John C. Fremont should be elected president of the United States. He kept that vow for 40 years, at the end of which time he had nearly a half bushel of hair on his head and face. Then, coming to the conclusion, toward which his mind had been gradually working for a long time, that General Fremont's death in the interval had practically absolved him from his vow, he decided to have his hair cut and his beard shaved off clean. On his next visit to the county seat he went to a barber shop and was soon relieved of the burlesque burden he had carried for four decades.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

True Dream of Br'er Williams.

"After dis," said the old colored farmer, "I ain't gwine tek nobody's advice 'bout whar I orter keep my money. You know, Br'er Williams tol' me dat banker was onsafe—dat dey all true falls 'em swallerin' up whar yo' puts in 'em?" "He did?" "Dat what he done! En he say, 'Wen yo' soks yo' cotton, tek yo' money en dig a hole in de ground en bury it.' " "En yo' done lak he say?" "I did, for whar? En whar yo' reckon? Br'er Williams gone ter bed dat night, en, please God, he see money in his dream, en whilst he was in a trance en walkin' in his sleep de spirit whar was a movin' en 'im led right whar dat money was, en 'fo' he knowed it he had done digged it up en lef de state wid it."—Atlanta Constitution.

When Henry Irving Was Hissed.

"I was hissed every night for a week when I was playing the provinces about 31 years ago," said Henry Irving to a writer in Alliance. "I was given an engagement as leading man in a very small theater, and before I made my bow to the audience I learned that the man whose place I had taken was very popular in the vicinity and that the people strongly disapproved of the way in which the management had handled him to retire, so that when I made my appearance the audience showed their disapproval of the manager by strongly hissing the successor to their favorite, and they kept it up for a week. It was a very unhappy week for me."

Started a Run.

A very simple statement proved very unfortunate to a savings institution in the rural district recently. An editor, in writing of the institution in his paper, said: "The president is a very tall man, the cashier is short."

And lo! less than an hour the excited depositors were asking, "How much, how much?"—Atlanta Constitution.

It is said that cowbells are produced in only four factories in the United States and are made just the same as they were 100 years ago and sound the same.

In India elephants over 12 and up to 45 years of age are deemed the best to purchase and will generally work until they are 80 years old.

L. T. Travis, Agent Southern R. R., Selma, Ga., writes, "I can not say too much in praise to one minute cough cure. In my case it worked like a charm." The only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. C. W. Hodgkins, Patton Pharmacy.

Church Choir Quizzes. "Rumors reach one's ears that the power of quarrelling within certain church choirs can only be appeased by the high spirit of a body of Irish patriots, and that there is almost nothing so trivial and invisible but that it will set a choir by the ears," writes Ian MacLaran in the January Ladies' Home Journal. "It may be the place in the stall, or the singing of a particular part, or a correction of the choir-master, or a word of approval to another chorister, or a remark dropped by one of the choir—so tender are the feelings of a chorister—anything, or for that matter, nothing will hurt. He will snipe, or make unpleasant remarks, or resign, or drive some other person out, and then on some great occasion all the members of the choir will resign and take themselves so seriously that the event will be considered equal in interest to a war. Upon the whole, the choir rather enjoys a crisis of this kind, for it gives stimulus to the artistic temperament. But there are some who do not enter wholly into the enjoyment."

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