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MOON'S PHASES.

Third Quarter 6 5:45 a.m. Full 22 7:13 a.m. New 14 6:04 a.m. Full 29 6:27 a.m.

Editorial.

INSURANCE MATTER.

In the report of the insurance commissioner of Pennsylvania considerable space is devoted to a discussion of the abuses that have grown into the mutual system.

DOGS AND SHEEP.

Judge Taylor, of Washington county, has decided that the act making it lawful to kill dogs found or known to be worrying sheep,

IS HE DEAD.

Frederick Fruteley left his home in Monroe county in 1874 in search of work, and has not since been heard from.

THE "BIKE."

The Queen of England has conferred the order of "seargent bikenmen" on a young man because of the aid he has rendered the young princes and princesses in mastering that machine.

STATE POLITICS.

At the county convention held at Nazareth the 21th, General Frank Reeder, Secretary of the Commonwealth, was named as one of the delegates from the Eighth Congressional District to the National convention in St. Louis.

The deplorable straits to which the woolen industry of this country has been brought by the Wilson tariff is shown in the New York Press of Sunday, which publishes a list of woolen mills in the New England states that are running on short time or wholly shut down.

A NOVEL TRIAL.

The New Woman as a Terror in New Jersey. Mr. Editor:—Since my last regarding the church embezzlement has been for a time comparative quiet until on Saturday last when trustees Major and Young were served with notices to appear for trial on certain charges and specifications.

The Cuban Relief has been halted by the refusal of the House Committee to accept the Senate resolution. The House proposed a new one, which was not so good as the old, because it said too much and put that on the wrong grounds.

George Bortree, of Greene township, has announced himself a candidate for county commissioner on the Republican ticket.

Mrs. J. Coleman Drayton has secured a divorce from her husband. Now this high toned scandal and its principal actors ought to drop out of the public sight in the interest of good morals.

In the Gazette of March 18, E. B. Kintner implies that the article in the Press signed "G. E. Hursh" was "paid matter."

It is reported now that Mr. Mutchler is not a candidate for congress from this district and that the only two men who are after the nomination are Mr. Hart of this county and Dr. J. H. Shull of Monroe.

THE LADIES' COLUMN.

SALTED ALMONDS—AS REQUESTED. To the editor of the recipe column: Pour boiling water over them, skin and throw into cold water; when dry put them into a roasting pan, with a little butter; stir frequently until they are a pale brown color;

BOILED SALAD DRESSING—AS REQUESTED. One tea cup very weak vinegar, lump butter size of an egg, put this over the fire in a small porcelain kettle or bowl, set in boiling water. Beat together the yolks of 3 eggs, 3 tablespoonful of flour, 1 teaspoon dry mustard, 1 teaspoon salt, a pinch of red pepper, 1 cup milk, stir this in the hot vinegar until it thickens and is cooked through.

Will some of the good cooks of Pike county send a recipe with explicit directions for making cheese straws.

TO CLEAN MARBLE. Mix two parts of powdered whitening with one of powdered blueing, and a half pound of soft soap, let this come to the boil and while still hot apply to the marble and let it remain until dry, then wash off with hot water and soap in which a little salt of lemon is dissolved, dry with soft cloths.

Does any one know of an easy way to clean zinc.

THE INSTANTANEOUS "chocolates and cocoas are greatly improved by being brought to the boiling point.

If small branches of cherry or apple trees are now brought into the house and put in a sunny window in a pitcher of water the buds will soon swell and blossom.

Be sure the trees that come from the nursery are free from lice eggs.

According to a musical journal there are in London at this moment 244,000 girls and women who are learning music.

A serious infirmity. "No doctor; I have no infirmities whatever; I rise before daylight."

"Stop right there; that shows you are foolish-minded, to begin with."

TREASURER'S SALE

Of Unseated Lands in Pike County for Taxes of 1894, 1895 and School 1896.

Notice is hereby given that agreeably to an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled An Act to amend the Act entitled An Act directing the mode of selling unseated lands for taxes and for other purposes, passed March 18th, A. D. 1816, by a supplement thereto to amend the Act entitled An Act directing the mode of selling unseated lands for taxes and for other purposes passed March 17, A. D. 1816, and by further supplement to last recited Act passed March 20, 1884, by Act entitled An Act in relation to the sales of unseated lands in the several counties of this Commonwealth passed March 9, 1847, the following described tracts of land (described in the warrant name) will be sold on the Second Monday in June Next, (being the thirteenth day of said month) commencing at 8 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at public vendue, at the COURT HOUSE IN MILFORD, in the County of Pike, for arrearsages of taxes due and costs accrued on each lot respectively.

Table of land sales for Blooming Grove Township, listing warrant names and quantities.

Table of land sales for Delaware Township, listing warrant names and quantities.

Table of land sales for Leekawaxen Township, listing warrant names and quantities.

Table of land sales for Lehman Township, listing warrant names and quantities.

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Large advertisement for 'The Press' with the text 'Advertise in the Press.' and 'Subscribe for the Press.'

A REGION OF WONDER

THE MYSTERIOUS COUNTRY NEAR THE SCHOMBURGK LINE.

Perhaps the result of the Venezuela boundary commission's work will be the solving of one of the most remarkable geological enigmas in the world and the exploration of what is regarded as a unique natural wonderland. This remarkable region is a number of elevated and isolated areas of land, situated on what the British call British Guiana's southwestern boundary, which is in the disputed territory. It is on the British side of the Schomburgk line. A British Guiana newspaper describes this region as far as it is known, and expresses the hope that the final settlement of the boundary controversy will leave it well within British bounds. Should there be another result, however, the newspaper says, the region should be made an international park, something on the plan of the Yellowstone park reservation. The region is called by the Indians "Rosaima," but the several isolated areas are known by distinctive names. Each consists of what might be called an isolated mountain, but is really a tableland, comprising an area of 100 or more square miles, elevated several thousand feet above the surrounding country. The rocky sides of the mountains are as perpendicular as the Hudson river Palisades and entirely bare of vegetation and have defied all attempts to scale them. The level summits are covered with trees and other vegetation, and down the rocky sides fall a large number of cascades of considerable size, indicating the certain existence of rivers and streams on the mysterious summits, and probably of lakes that feed the rivers. The summits have been observed with telescopes, and are known to be as full of plant life as the tropical plains below, but beyond this nothing is known. Because so little is known of the condition of these tablelands occasion is given for all manner of speculation as to what exists there. That the vegetation is quite different from that on the plains below the telescope shows, and that it should be so is quite natural, as the tablelands are 2,000 or more feet higher than the plains. While the climate of the plains is tropical, that of the tablelands must be temperate, not only because of their elevation, but also because of the free play the winds have about them. Of the geology of the region this explanation is given: This part of South America rose slowly from the sea, through successive and remote ages. The Rosaima mountains were formed precisely as was the rest of the land, and are not the result of volcanic action. Hence they must have been above the ocean long before the surrounding plains appeared. They stood 2,000 feet above the sea level when the neighboring mountain tops were but islands in the ocean. In the course of a period, difficult to appreciate, the adjacent valleys and plains appeared above the water and became covered with vegetation and animal life. But the isolated plateaus of Rosaima had a tremendous start of the plains below. Here comes the alleged ground for the speculation that perhaps on these mysterious summits there exist flora and fauna unlike any found elsewhere, forms of life that long since disappeared from other parts of the world, but remained the same, these summits because unaffected by the influences of communication with the outer world. All sorts of wild guesses have been hazarded regarding the existence of strange reptiles and animals among the streams and forests of Rosaima. The cascades falling from the summits are among the highest in the world. One is 2,000 feet high, and is broad enough to be visible 80 miles away. It falls sheer, without a break. The mountains from which these cascades fall form the dividing watersheds of the Amazon, the Orinoco and the Essequibo, the three great rivers of South America, and the waters of the cascades flow some to one and some to another of these rivers. It is argued that to supply these waterfalls there must be a considerable body of water on the mountain plateaus, and it is natural to conclude that where there are large bodies of water there are fish and reptiles. The resulting conclusion that, because these fish and reptiles must have been isolated on the mountain tops for ages they are likely to be different from any known species, is regarded as quite natural. The mountain plateaus form practically little countries by themselves like islands, but more isolated because the ocean of air that surrounds them does not afford the facilities for communication with other islands that the waters of the ocean do. One of these plateaus, known as Kaulamhan, which is better situated for observation than any of the others, is estimated to have an area of 300 square miles or more. The smallest, which bears the name common to the group, Rosaima, is estimated to contain 80 to 140 square miles. The story of this mysterious region is not new, at least in British Guiana. It is many years since any scientific men were in the region, but chance travelers and gold prospectors happen there at odd times, and when they return to Demerara they add their little store of information and mystification to the rest. Schomburgk pointed out the great importance of the region to Great Britain, as it is the dividing watershed, but the writer in the British Guiana newspaper does not say whether the exploring botanist had much to say about the wonders and mysteries of the Rosaima region.—New York Sun.