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EDITORIAL.
A HARRISBURG LETTER.
 By reason of our geographical location the people of this section are more naturally in touch with New York than their own State, and information regarding the doings of our own Legislature, and events in our State are much more meagre than many desire. In order to afford the people of the county a better knowledge of current events transpiring at Harrisburg, and to keep them informed as to the important measures, such as road laws, tax bills, game laws etc, which will be introduced at the coming session, and also matters pertaining to the Senatorial canvass now and likely for some time to absorb considerable attention, the Press has arranged for a weekly letter from Harrisburg written by a correspondent who has had long experience there, is thoroughly familiar with the ins and outs of State politics, and intimately acquainted with State officials and members of the Legislature. This letter will keep you posted on Pennsylvania politics, and entertain you with the news and gossip of the legislative session. This feature alone will be worth to you far more than the subscription price of the Press. We shall also have from our own correspondent a weekly Washington letter. Subscribe now to get the full benefit of these letters.

THE JUDGES CONVENTION.
 A convention of Pennsylvania judges, the first in the history of the State, will be held in Philadelphia on December 29 under the auspices of the Committee on Law Reform and of the Committee of Legal Education of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. The purpose of the convention is to consider the expediency and feasibility of attaining uniformity in the rules of court throughout the Commonwealth, and to take steps toward putting in practical operation the uniform system of legal education endorsed by the Pennsylvania Bar Association at its last meeting.

OUR LEGISLATURE.
 The Senate consists of fifty members, politically divided as follows: Republicans, 44; Democrats, 6, and the House, 204 members; Republicans, 171; Democrats, 33. Each member receives \$1,500 and mileage per session.

Church of the Nativity.
 That Bethlehem is the city of Christ's nativity there is no doubt, but that the grotto in the rock is the spot where he was born there are many who question. They contend that the gospel gives no authority for this, saying that the manger belonged to an inn or khan; that it was because the rooms above were filled with guests that the holy family were compelled to take up their temporary abode in the court used to stable the mules and the horses. But until the doubters can prove that some other spot has superior claims to this the world will go on revering the little grotto beneath the Church of the Nativity.
 -New York Herald.

The New York Times recently offered \$100 for a better motto than "All the news that's fit to print." The winning motto is: "All the world's news, but not a school for scandal." Perhaps nine readers out of ten will consider the original motto far better than its successor.

The '71 L. A. W. Road Book.
 The new set of road books which is to be issued by the Pennsylvania Division of the L. A. W. next spring is now well under way, and advance proofs of some of the pages fully warrant the statement made some time ago that they would when completed be the best publications of the kind ever gotten out. The set will consist of four books. The second will take in the northeastern part of the State, together with Northern New Jersey and Southeastern New York.

The Secretary-Treasurer states that by the time the L. A. W. renewal season, which commences on April 1, arrives the books will be ready for distribution, and every member who joins during this fall and winter, as well as those who renew their membership, will receive a copy of the book covering the section of the State in which he resides, with the privilege of purchasing the other books in the set at the cost of printing. They will not be offered for sale except to L. A. W. members at any price.

Queen Victoria's Cigars.
 Queen Victoria not only does not smoke, but does not even permit smoking in her immediate neighborhood. And yet she consumes annually about a thousand of the finest Havana cigars, which are specially made for her and are intended for her guests. They are so expensive that even in Cuba, at wholesale prices, those cigars could not be had under \$1 apiece. The men who make them receive thirty cents a States currency for every one, as they must be most carefully selected and twisted, and none but the oldest and most skilled workmen are entrusted with their fabrication. To them the work is a regular gold mine, as they can turn out about 300 cigars a day, pocketing about \$9 per diem. When finished they are hermetically sealed into glass tubes, in order to guard against deterioration, commissionaires insisting that the Havana leaf is affected by a change of climate, and that no Havana cigars can taste as well abroad as in Havana.

How to Live Easy.
 Some days ago a seedy gentleman registered at one of our leading hotels, but he managed to raise enough cash to pay for supper, breakfast and lodgings. Next morning he stated he was a professional vine and tree pruner, and would go out and make some money to buy his dinner. At meal time he appeared with the wherewithal, and proceeded to get even with the landlady by laying in a satisfactory feed. He had earned the money by begging a few flower seeds on the pretext that he wanted them for medicinal purposes, and then selling to some of our citizens at a fine profit, as genuine imported dutch seeds warranted to grow, and raise any variety of flowers desired. And people bought them, and were happy and so was the shrewd viticulturist.

The good Laying Hens—How to Tell Them.
 Those who wish to pick up the good laying points in hens should watch their birds very closely so as to note the ones that lay best. If the owners will observe the heads of these birds they will find they differ in shape from the bad layers. The heads of the good layers are much finer, not nearly so thick or heavy-looking. The eyes are bolder, with a quick, bright, intelligent look. The good layers are more active, always on the move scratching about; the first birds out in the morning and the last to roost at night with a full crop.

Why She Wept.
 A young minister went into the country to preach, and during his discourse observed a woman who seemed to be much affected. After service he resolved to visit her, and ascertain the impressions on her mind. "Well said the woman I'll tell you. About six years ago me and my husband removed to this place, and all the property we had was a donkey. Husband died, and then me and poor donkey were left all alone. At last donkey he died, and to tell you the truth your voice put me so much in mind of that dear old critter that I could not help being on about it."

No Measure for Such Griet.
 Judge Morris in the United States Court at Baltimore in a case before him against the Western Union Telegraph Company for damages for failure to deliver a message announcing the sickness of a man's wife, until two days after she died, directed the jury to bring a verdict of one cent, because the anguish incident to the man's absence from his dying wife's bedside could not be measured by money damages. The costs were put on the company.
 The surest way to lose your health is to keep drinking other people's.

WEATHER PROVERBS.
 If at sunrise there are many dark clouds seen in the west and remain there, rain will fall on that day.
 If the sun dries water in the morning, it will rain before night.
 When the sun rises with thin, murky clouds, with black beams, and clouds in the west, expect rain.
 If the sun rises pale, there will be rain during the day.
 A red morn; that ever yet betokened Weck to the seaman, tempest to the field, Sorrow to shepherds, woe unto the birds. Gust of foul flaws to husbandmen and to herds.
 -Shakespeare.
 If the sun rises clear, then shadowed by a cloud, and comes out again clear, it will rain before night.
 "In fiery red the sun doth rise, Then wades through clouds to mount the skies."
 Red skies in the evening precede fine mornings.
 A red sun indicates fair weather.
 A red evening indicates fair weather, but if the red extends far upward, especially in the morning, it indicates wind or rain.
 A very red sky in the east at sunset indicates stormy winds.
 If the sun sets in dark, heavy clouds, expect rain the next day.
 A bright yellow sunset indicates wind; a pale yellow, wet.
 If the sun sets pale, it will rain tomorrow.
 "The weary sun hath made a golden set, And by the bright track of his fiery car Given token of a goodly day tomorrow."
 -Shakespeare.
 A halo around the sun indicates the approach of a storm, within three days, from the side which is more brilliant.
 If there be a ring or halo around the sun in bad weather, expect fine weather soon.
 Haze and western sky purple indicate fair weather.
 A blur or haziness about the sun indicates a storm.
 If the sun hurls more than usual, or there be a halo around it in fine weather, expect rain.
 When the sun in the morning is breaking through the clouds and scorching, a thunder storm follows in the afternoon.
 "Sunshining shower won't last half an hour;
 Sunshine and shower, rain, again to-morrow."
 Pale yellow twilight, extending high up indicates threatening weather.
 "As the days begin to shorten,
 The heat begins to scorch them."
 Sun dogs in summer indicate a storm.

A HYMN OF PEACE.
 OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.
 Angel of Peace, thou hast wandered too long!
 Spread thy white wings to the sunshine of love,
 Come while our voices are blended in song
 Fly to our ark like the storm beaten dove,
 Fly to our ark on the wings of the dove
 Speed o'er the far sounding billows of song
 Crowned with thine olive leaf garland of love
 Angel of Peace thou hast waited too long.
 Brothers we meet on this altar of thine
 Mingling the gifts we have gathered for thee,
 Sweet with the odors of myrtle and pine,
 Breeze of the prairie and breath of the sea
 Meadow and mountain and forest and sea,
 Sweet is the fragrance of myrtle and pine,
 Sweeter the incense we offer to thee,
 Brothers once more round this altar of thine.

Angels of Bethlehem, answer the strain,
 Hark a new birth song is filling the sky,
 Loud as the storm wind that tumbles the main
 Bid the full breath of the organ reply
 Let the loud tremor of voices reply,
 Roll its long surge like the earth shaking main.
 Swell the vast song till it mounts to the sky
 Angels of Bethlehem, echo the strain.

Children should be accustomed as soon as possible to sleep in a dark room. Unless they have learned to be afraid of it the darkness is soothing to the nerves, and the rest is more profound and refreshing than when there is the unconscious stimulation of light. It is particularly desirable for children of a nervous temperament that light should be excluded, yet it is most often the nervous, sensitive child whose imagination has been filled with fears of the shapes the dark may hide.—Ladies' Home Journal.

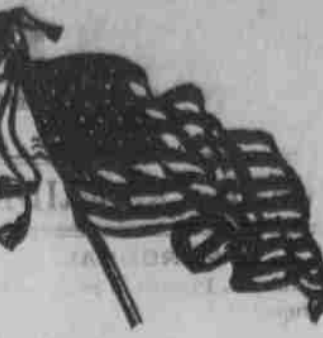
A dry crust of a fellow, who was unhappy with his preacher because the "dry vine," as Carlyle would call him penetrated the thick ligament that covered the crusty man's soul, signified to the minister his desire to have a pew nearer the pulpit.
 "Can't you hear?" asked the good man.
 "Yes," was the reply.
 "Can't you see?"
 "Yes."
 "Then why do you change?"
 "Because," said the old curate one, "I am so far off, that when your words get to me they are as flat as dish wash."

Probably the oldest timber in the world is found in the ancient temples of Egypt, in connection with stone-work which is known to be at least 4,000 years old. This, the only wood used in the construction of temples, is in the form of ties, holding the end of one stem to another.

"Did you throw the half-brick at random?" asked an enraged parent.
 "No, I threw it at John Williams," said the weeping boy.
 "And did you strike him on purpose?"
 "No, I struck him on the nose."

It has been truly said that if some men could come out of their coffins and read the inscriptions on their tombstones, they would think they had got into the wrong grave.

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 By order of the town council,
 J. C. CHAMBERLAIN,
 President, pro tem.
 Attest, D. H. HORNBECK, Sec'y.
 Milford, Pa. May 5, 1896.

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 The polls will be open from 8 till 4 o'clock p. m.
 FRANCIS MARVIN, Sec'y.
 Port Jervis, December 18, 1896.

NOTICE.
 The Annual Meeting for the election of Managers of the Milford C. C. Association will be held at the office of C. W. Bull in the Borough of Milford on Monday, January 4, 1897 between the hours of 8 and 3 p. m.
 WILLIAM MITCHELL, Sec'y.
 Milford, Pa. Dec. 10, 1896.

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 J. H. Van Etten, Attorney-at-Law, OFFICE, Brown's Building, MILFORD, PIKE CO., PA.
 John A. Kipp, Attorney-at-Law, OFFICE, opposite Court House, MILFORD, PIKE CO., PA.

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CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, Milford. Services Sunday at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday school at 2.30 P. M. Week-day services, Wednesday 7.30 P. M., celebration of Holy Communion weekly, Thursday 7.30 A. M. Seats free. All welcome.
 B. S. LAMSTER, Rector.

M. E. CHURCH. Services at the M. E. Church Sundays: Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and at 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Epworth League at 6.45 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting on Wednesdays at 7.30 p. m. Class meeting conducted by Wm. Angle on Fridays at 7.30 p. m. An earnest invitation is extended to anyone who may desire to worship with us.
 REV. W. R. NEFF, Pastor.

MATAMORAS.
 EPWORTH M. E. CHURCH, Matamoras. Services every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath school at 2.30 p. m. Meeting Monday evening at 7.30. Prayer meeting Tuesday evening at 7.30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30. Everyone welcome.
 REV. F. G. CURTIS, Pastor.

HOPE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, Matamoras, Pa. Services next Sunday as follows: Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Junior C. E. before and C. E. prayer meeting after the evening service. Mid-week prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7.30. Seats free. A cordial welcome to all. Come.
 REV. J. A. WIGGAND, Pastor.

Secret Societies.
 MILFORD LODGE, No. 344, F. & A. M.; Lodge meets Wednesday on or before Full Moon at the Sawkill House, Milford, Pa. N. Emery, Jr., Secretary, Milford.
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 VAN DER MARK LODGE, No. 328, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday evening at 7.30 p. m. Brown's Building, Geo. Hanson, Jr., Sec'y. D. H. Hornbeck, N. G.
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