

### THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

A face presented by the members of the democratic majority is on the tapis for this week and promises something in the nature of a relaxation for the republican members of congress. On Friday the committee on resolutions appointed at the December caucus is due to report and the struggle between Tammann and Texas for the dictation of the party policy promises to be a "merry war." The New Yorkers desire to rid the party of the free silver incubus and sever all connection with "the silver-jawed orator." The Texans are whetting their oratorical bow-knives and declare they will have the scalps of the "traitors" as they term the easterners.

It will be remembered that among the resolutions presented by Representative McMillan, and which were recognized as having been dictated by Edward M. Shepard, and as his first appearance in the arena of national politics was one declaring in favor of the gold standard, this aroused the fury of the free westerners and the oily diplomacy of Mr. Richardson alone prevented the bursting of the cords with which the democratic leaders have attempted to bind together the populist flat money theorists and the remnant of the democratic party in the east, with a view to formulating a minority sufficiently coherent to worry the majority in their efforts to enact necessary legislation. That the democrats will accomplish anything in their coming belated caucus, beyond further demonstrating the utter disunion of their party and the antagonisms of its component factions is not expected.

In the senate there are also signs of disruption in democratic ranks and a conspiracy lead by Senator Culberson, whose position as a member of the important Philippines committee has materially strengthened his influence, has been carefully matured with a view to overthrowing the leadership of Senator Jones and his colleagues, Cockrell of Missouri and Daniel of Virginia, who forfeited the respect of the party by their readiness to implicitly yield at every point during the last session, when by vigorous resistance to the Spooner Philippine resolution they might even have forced an extra session of congress.

The hopeless passivity of the democrats in the senate, which was brought out in the interview given your correspondent by Senator Vest of Missouri, published in these letters about a month ago, has proven a source of grave dissatisfaction to the democrats who believe that, notwithstanding the smallness of their minority, something might be accomplished in the way of hampering republican action. They consider that even a vigorous resistance would prove to the country that there was a democratic party in congress but in their attempts to do the spectacular they are more likely to disgust the people than to command respect, a view of the situation which never appeals to the younger and more reckless element of the party.

The news that the Panama canal company has determined to offer its entire plant, rights and privileges to the United States at the valuation of \$40,000,000 placed on them by the Isthmian canal commission has been received in Washington with the greatest satisfaction by the friends of the Panama route and their number is growing daily. Senator Morgan, whom I saw as soon as the news was received, refused to express a further opinion on the ground that as chairman of the committee which had the matter in charge and author of the Nicaragua bill, it would be improper for him to express his views elsewhere than on the floor of the senate and he requested that no quotation of his remarks be made in print but I was gratified to see in his eye when I congratulated him on the success of his tactics in what they had reduced the price of the Panama property from \$100,000,000 to \$40,000,000.

Senator Mason, whom I saw yesterday, was more frank in his utterance, as he could afford to be, not being a member of the canal committee. He said that while he had not excluded from the merits of the two routes, he was in favor of "returning two strings to our bow." "My idea," he continued, "is to appropriate sufficient funds and authorize the president to build the canal

along the route which in his judgment is the best. There is no doubt but that both Nicaragua and Costa Rica and Columbia desire the canal but of course all the countries involved will make the best terms possible with the United States. Therefore I am opposed to burning our bridges behind us on either route. Having disposed of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and secured a reasonable price on the French company's plant, why not ask for proposals from the countries whose territory the routes traverse and then accept the most favorable? That seems to me the business-like way of conducting the negotiations." In reply to a question the senator said: "You need have no fear that the senate will precipitate its action. This matter will probably be discussed all winter and then I would not be surprised to see it referred to the president."

I found Senator Mason preparing a speech on the subject of reciprocity which he expects to deliver in the senate to-morrow, apropos of the resumption of the reciprocal treaties which are now in the hands of the committee on foreign relations. "Reciprocity, as conceived by Mr. Blaine and carried into effect by the McKinley tariff bill," he said "was never intended to sacrifice the interests of one small manufacturer for the benefit of the great manufacturing concerns. In fact it was more in the nature of a negative power. It was intended to apply particularly to our free list and authorized the president to impose retaliatory duties where foreign countries discriminated against our exports, as in the case of German and American pork. It enabled the president to impose a retaliatory duty on sugar from the Danish possessions. But I must not anticipate my speech," he broke off. "That will be comprehensive and will clearly define my position."

Senator Cullum has announced that he will endeavor to secure the attention of the senate for a discussion and disposal of the treaties already negotiated soon after congress convenes. He would not say what, in his opinion, would be the probable action taken, but he believes that something should be done with the treaties at once with a view to making room for others if desired by the senate or of disposing of the subject. The general trend of his remarks would indicate that he was in favor of reciprocity in some form.

**Planting Trees on School Grounds.**  
The United States department of agriculture, Gifford Pinchot, forester, has sent out a bulletin on tree planting on rural school grounds, which enters quite exhaustively on that subject and gives a number of cuts illustrating grounds with and without ornamentation. It gives reasons for such planting, methods of preparation of soils, trees best adapted, suggestions for their arrangement and care and many valuable hints and facts concerning them and their influence. The bulletin is No. 134 and can be obtained by addressing the department.

There are more than double the number of smallpox cases in this country now than at the corresponding time last year. The papers say that at Hackettstown, N. J., where the disease was brought in by a traveling troupe, that at first the local physicians diagnosed the malady as chickenpox and not until experts were brought in was it pronounced genuine smallpox. This would seem to be a bad blunder on the part of the local doctors and not reassuring as to their knowledge and skill.

**The Spirit of Winter.**  
The Spirit of Winter is with us, making its presence known in many different ways—sometimes by cheery sunshine and glistering snows, and sometimes by driving winds and blinding storms. To many people it seems to take a delight in making bad things worse, for rheumatism twists harder, teragon sharper, catarrh becomes more annoying, and the many symptoms of sore throats are developed and aggravated. There is not much poetry in this, but there is truth, and it is a wonder that more people don't get rid of these ailments. The medicine that cures them—Hood's Serravallo's—is easily obtained and there is abundant proof that its cures are radical and permanent.

Great reduction in shirt waist at T. Armstrong & Co's. Prices now \$20, \$25, 30 and 35c.

### PERSONALS

Mrs. W. K. Peters of New York is a guest in town.  
Hon. J. B. Westbrooke of Dingman's Ferry was in town Tuesday.  
The Misses Edna and Helen Lamschmitt are again at school in Synok.  
Dr. J. C. Price of Bruchville has recently suffered quite a severe attack of grippe.  
Hon. Joseph J. Hart was in New York a few days recently, returning home Tuesday.  
Miss Susan, a daughter of Daniel Bevan, of Sandyston, N. J., visited friends in town this week.  
Mrs. Milton Armstrong attended the funeral of her father, the late W. L. Gibbs, at Indian Orchard Monday.

**A Good Industry.**  
R. E. Humbert of this borough has begun an enterprise which should be welcomed and encouraged because of the benefits it may confer on producers of fruits and vegetables. He has put up in glass jars corn in the ear, beans, tomatoes, strawberries, raspberries, wine, orange and lemon jellies and most excellent clam chowder. The goods are of finest quality and have a natural flavor. This business is susceptible of wide expansion and would prove a great boon to growers of small fruits and vegetables in this vicinity. An evaporating plant which would consume a large quantity of apples and fruits could also probably be made to pay well. His goods should receive the patronage of people in this section and thus enable him to enlarge his business.

**Special Memorial Services.**  
Governor Stone has issued a proclamation asking that schools observe January 30, the fifty-ninth anniversary of the birthday of the late president, as "McKinley day" and that on the preceding Sunday special memorial services be held in all the churches and that on both occasions opportunities be given to contribute to the fund for the erection of a suitable monument at his grave. Each contributor is requested to give the name and address so that a suitable receipt may be returned by the association. Every state in the Union has been invited to observe the same day.

**Doings at the Court House.**  
Jury Commissioners Peter Beishor and W. T. Struble, with Geo. B. Quick as clerk, have been filling the wheel and drawing jurors for March term this week.  
The county commissioners organized Monday by electing P. M. Nills president of the board, C. W. Ball, Esq., was re-elected solicitor, and Elmer E. Steule was reappointed junior at a salary of \$175.  
County Auditors C. C. Shaanon, Walter H. Warner and J. F. Terwilliger met Monday and after appointing Geo. B. Bull clerk, proceeded to settle the accounts of the several officials for the past year.

**Epworth League Election.**  
The Epworth League of the M. E. church held a business meeting on Monday evening at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:  
President—Harry Dewitt.  
1st Vice President—Mrs. B. E. Brown.  
2d Vice President—Mrs. Danham Gregory.  
3d Vice President—Alice Ryman.  
4th Vice President—Grace Boyd.  
Secretary—Harry Armstrong.  
Treasurer—Ben Beardsley.

Tuesday a happy christening occurred at the M. E. parsonage when Presiding Elder J. R. Wright, D., performed the ceremony of baptizing Russell Simmons, the infant son of Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Scudder. Rev. E. M. Sneed, pastor of the Presbyterian church, was also present.  
Mr. and Mrs. James W. Pinehot were guests recently at a dinner in New York given by Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Dimock in honor of Ambassador and Mrs. Choate. Among the other guests were Whitelaw Field and wife and Daniel Lamont and wife.

The Philadelphia Press of yesterday contains an excellent cut of W. B. Bennett, member of assembly from the 31st New York city district, who has introduced a bill to punish flirting. He has cut out a big job but one that ought to be done.

### OBITUARY

**MRS. CATHARINE BOWDEN.**  
Mrs. Catharine Bowden, one of the three daughters of James Rockwell, a soldier of the Revolution, died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Emma Crine, on Cookson street, Matamoras, Saturday, January 4th. She was born in this town August 12, 1812, and July 7, 1860, she married, at Honesdale, John Bowden. After some years the family removed to Stroudsburg, Pa., where her husband died in 1870 and where she continued to live until recently when she went to Matamoras to live with her two sisters, Mrs. Valentine and Mrs. Gainsford, who reside with their niece, Mrs. John Bunnell and Mrs. Emma Crine. She with her sisters has for years enjoyed the distinction of being the only three living children of a Revolutionary veteran. Her literary attainments were more than ordinary and she is the authoress of several excellent poems. Her faculties were well preserved and she was able to see with out glasses and her hearing was practically unimpaired. Her father was born in Ridgeway, Ct. in 1761 and when only 16 years old enlisted in a regiment recruited by Benedict Arnold and fought under him at Saratoga. He was transferred to General Patton's command and later was with Washington at Valley Forge and in the boat with him when he crossed the Delaware in that memorable Christmas eve before the battle of Trenton in 1776. In 1776 he was wounded at Monmouth and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. After the war in 1784 he married Sarah Rundel in Connecticut and in 1794 came to Milford, where his wife died in 1798. Seven children were born of the union. In 1809 he married Elizabeth Matford of Wayne county, by whom he had several children, among them the three above named. He died in 1847. Mrs. Bowden is survived by her two sisters, Mrs. Phoebe Gainsford, aged 97, and Mrs. Lucinda Valentine, aged 88 years. The funeral occurred Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. T. G. Spencer, and the remains were conveyed to Stroudsburg for interment.

**Indian Cradles.**  
Among the highly interesting objects which are now being displayed in the University of Pennsylvania museum is a collection of Indian cradles from a number of tribes, showing the diverse methods of carrying and securing young children.  
Probably the most interesting relic is a wooden box from the Kwakwaka Indians of British Columbia, which is tied with bark cords to the end of a flexible branch, the mother rocking her cradle by pulling a cord attached to it. The Mochois, of Cape Flattery, have a similar wooden cradle of cedar bark for the very young children of the tribe. The Plutes, of Nevada, tie their babies on a flat frame of wicker with a beautiful splint cover that protects the baby's head.  
Among the Hopi Valley Indians the babies are kept in beautiful slipper-shaped baskets, with a round cover over their face. The Shoshoni in Wyoming use a cradle of willow splints laid crosswise in the shape of a kite and covered with soft buckskin. A little hoop is bent over the face and it is covered with netting to keep off the flies. The Arapaho Indians have a hoop framework covered with skin, decorated with colored quill work. Nearly all Indian cradles have charms attached to them to protect the child from injury.

Rev. Geo. W. Gillespie preached a farewell sermon to his congregation in the Port Jervis Presbyterian church last Sunday evening. The church was crowded, members of all other denominations being present. He made no reference to his departure except at the opening of an eloquent and impressive sermon.

**A Deep Mystery.**  
It is a mystery why women endure Backache, Headache, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Fainting and Dizzy Spells when thousands have proved that Electric Bitters will quickly cure such troubles. "I suffered for years with kidney trouble," writes Mrs. Phoebe Cherley of Peterson, Iowa, "and a lame back pained me so I could not dress myself, but Electric Bitters wholly cured me, and, although 73 years old, I now am able to do all my housework." It overcomes Constipation, improves Appetite, gives perfect health. Only 50c at all druggists.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean announces Rev. Dr. Hilla of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, of placiarism in having appropriated without credit the thoughts and phraseology of Henry Ward Beecher and I. T. David Soing on several occasions and that he had used the same in his work, "The Influence of Christ on Modern Life." Dr. Hilla makes denial but the deadly parallel is given to prove the truth of the allegation.

### BRIEF MENTION.

A. W. Balch, Jr., of Matamoras has received the appointment of postmaster at that place.  
S. D. Boyce has been reappointed postmaster at Port Jervis.  
Oliver Stidd, a prominent carpenter and builder of Port Jervis, is dead at the age of 68 years.  
The firemen at an election held Tuesday evening elected Thomas Armstrong, chief, Dunham Gregory, first, and F. C. Pinno, second assistant.  
Prof. J. C. Watson, Miss Nora Madden and Miss Minnie Van Alkin, committee on permanent certificates, will examine candidates here June 10th.  
A rear end collision in the New York Central train Wednesday morning killed fifteen persons and seriously injured thirty.  
Mrs. Mary H. Anderson, who at one time resided with the family of Rev. B. S. Lassiter here, is dead at Englewood, N. J., in her eightieth year.  
Michael Cassidy, for many years prominent in Carbon county democratic politics, died in Philadelphia last Sun. ay, where he held a position in the United States custom house.  
Charles Bauer, living about a mile below town, while cutting wood along the mountain last week, was struck by a falling tree and had his arm broken.  
Van Etten Bros. have removed their sawmill from Dark Swamp to the tract of A. V. McCarthy in Dingman township, of whom they have purchased the standing timber.  
It is current rumor that W. T. Struble has bought of Thomas Armstrong the upper mill on Water street. If true, Struble is a genuine "trust" so far as the milling business in town is concerned.  
C. O. Armstrong placed this week in his pharmacy a new acetylene gas machine and will in future manufacture his own light. It is the same pattern as the one installed by Mitchell Bros. in their store.  
At a meeting of the Milford Cemetery association held Monday the former board of managers, viz: H. B. Wells, C. W. Bull, Moses Deitch, William Angle and William Mitchell, was elected.  
Thomas M. Brink of Port Jervis has been at Dingman's Ferry this week making an inventory of the goods in the store of Van Etten Bros. Rumor says he may become a purchaser and engage in business there.  
It is expected that the case of the commonwealth vs. Charles Hazen which involves the constitutionality of the charter of the Blooming Grove Park association will be argued before the Superior court sitting at Scranton Jan. 20th.  
The February elections will occur February 18th. January 31 will be the last day for filing certificates of nomination for township officers, except justices of the peace, which must be filed by Jan. 22. Nominating papers may be filed up to Feb. 4.  
William L. Gibbs, a long time resident of Indian Orchard, Wayne county, died at his home Friday, January 3, at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. The funeral was held Monday. Deceased was the father of Mrs. Milton Armstrong of this borough.  
Persifer Frazer, Jr., a member of the First Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry, which acted as guard of the Liberty Bell while it was being removed from Independence Hall to the railroad on its way to Charleston last Saturday, was thrown from his horse and suffered a fracture of the knee cap.  
Miss Minnie Agnes Shields, a most estimable young lady, died at her home in Shohola township Monday, Jan. 6, of catarrh of the bowels, aged nineteen years. She was a daughter of the late John Shields and is survived by eight brothers and two sisters. The funeral was held yesterday at Walker Lake school house. A more extended obituary will appear next week.

**Animals in Folklore.**  
It is significant, when one thinks of it, that the teaching of folklore stories and great masterpieces of literature is, in the main, in the direction of kindness to animals. Although the animal is sometimes represented as man's foe, or killed for man's use, there is no wanton cruelty in any of the old legends, and not seldom the hero who befriends the animal is in turn befriended by them.  
Some of the oldest legends represent man as talking familiarly with the members of the brute creation. The "Uncle Remus" stories, many of which are known to have been brought in almost precisely their present form from Africa to the plantations of the southern states inculcate this idea; and "de creature" appear to the mind of the child and childlike adult, who hear these stories, as friends to be loved and trusted. Japanese folklore presents the same idea and the Hindu mythology is full of it. In Norse and Saxon legends the faithful dog often appears; and in the folklore of the American Indian we have again the notion of companionship between men and animals.  
This indicates that from the very earliest times there has been an idea more or less clearly brought out as mankind became more and more enlightened that kindness and not cruelty should be observed toward the brute creation. The Indian tortured his enemies; he regarded it as an honor paid to courage; but he did not wantonly torture his few domestic beasts. Whatever cruelty appears in his treatment of them is due to carelessness and ignorance. It is only the degenerate civilized man who deliberately, intentionally and unprofitably torments a helpless animal.

**Real Estate Transfers.**  
Frank Babcock and wife to Lewis M. Williams, 100 acres, Dingman, parts of Lake Brodhead and Josiah Gallaworth tracts. Consideration \$1.00.  
Walter H. Warner and wife to Nancy Armstrong, lots on George street, Milford borough. Consideration \$1000.  
Frank P. Heath to Michael Uch, lot in Matamoras on Jefferson street. Consideration \$1300.  
S. St. John Gardner and wife to John Marquardt and wife, 110 acres, Shohola. Consideration \$900.  
William Kelly and wife to Nettie A. B. Wirtz, 10,000 acres, Palmyra and Blooming Grove townships. Consideration \$1.  
Commissioners have been recorded to Geo. Gregory as sheriff, to B. E. Brown and John F. Englehardt, associate judges, and W. R. Kelly, corner.

Margaret J. Taylor and husband to Jas. E. Boyd, lot No. 108, Matamoras. Consideration \$75.  
Elizabeth Haffling and husband to William H. Mink, two deeds, one conveying interest in estate of Margaretta Mink, 287 acres, Lehigh township, consideration \$260, the other conveying 105 acres, Delaware township, part of William Ayers, consideration \$100.  
Mr. Van Campen Goes to Newton.  
Sherwood B. Van Campen, who for the past nine years has been the manager of Porter's Double Store in Deckertown, began an engagement with the W. D. Ackerson company at Park block, Newton, on Thursday of last week. He will remove his family to Newton in the spring. His many friends here greatly regret his departure, but at the same time are pleased to know that his removal is due only to a largely increased salary. He is one of the very brightest, ablest and most successful young merchants in the state and a most valued citizen. The Ackerson company did well in selecting him for the responsible position to which he has been called. He cannot but prove popular in Newton.—Sussex Independent.

**Animals in Folklore.**  
It is significant, when one thinks of it, that the teaching of folklore stories and great masterpieces of literature is, in the main, in the direction of kindness to animals. Although the animal is sometimes represented as man's foe, or killed for man's use, there is no wanton cruelty in any of the old legends, and not seldom the hero who befriends the animal is in turn befriended by them.  
Some of the oldest legends represent man as talking familiarly with the members of the brute creation. The "Uncle Remus" stories, many of which are known to have been brought in almost precisely their present form from Africa to the plantations of the southern states inculcate this idea; and "de creature" appear to the mind of the child and childlike adult, who hear these stories, as friends to be loved and trusted. Japanese folklore presents the same idea and the Hindu mythology is full of it. In Norse and Saxon legends the faithful dog often appears; and in the folklore of the American Indian we have again the notion of companionship between men and animals.  
This indicates that from the very earliest times there has been an idea more or less clearly brought out as mankind became more and more enlightened that kindness and not cruelty should be observed toward the brute creation. The Indian tortured his enemies; he regarded it as an honor paid to courage; but he did not wantonly torture his few domestic beasts. Whatever cruelty appears in his treatment of them is due to carelessness and ignorance. It is only the degenerate civilized man who deliberately, intentionally and unprofitably torments a helpless animal.

**Real Estate Transfers.**  
Frank Babcock and wife to Lewis M. Williams, 100 acres, Dingman, parts of Lake Brodhead and Josiah Gallaworth tracts. Consideration \$1.00.  
Walter H. Warner and wife to Nancy Armstrong, lots on George street, Milford borough. Consideration \$1000.  
Frank P. Heath to Michael Uch, lot in Matamoras on Jefferson street. Consideration \$1300.  
S. St. John Gardner and wife to John Marquardt and wife, 110 acres, Shohola. Consideration \$900.  
William Kelly and wife to Nettie A. B. Wirtz, 10,000 acres, Palmyra and Blooming Grove townships. Consideration \$1.  
Commissioners have been recorded to Geo. Gregory as sheriff, to B. E. Brown and John F. Englehardt, associate judges, and W. R. Kelly, corner.

Margaret J. Taylor and husband to Jas. E. Boyd, lot No. 108, Matamoras. Consideration \$75.  
Elizabeth Haffling and husband to William H. Mink, two deeds, one conveying interest in estate of Margaretta Mink, 287 acres, Lehigh township, consideration \$260, the other conveying 105 acres, Delaware township, part of William Ayers, consideration \$100.  
Mr. Van Campen Goes to Newton.  
Sherwood B. Van Campen, who for the past nine years has been the manager of Porter's Double Store in Deckertown, began an engagement with the W. D. Ackerson company at Park block, Newton, on Thursday of last week. He will remove his family to Newton in the spring. His many friends here greatly regret his departure, but at the same time are pleased to know that his removal is due only to a largely increased salary. He is one of the very brightest, ablest and most successful young merchants in the state and a most valued citizen. The Ackerson company did well in selecting him for the responsible position to which he has been called. He cannot but prove popular in Newton.—Sussex Independent.

### THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

You can hardly tell in the morning what will happen before night.  
There are people who have no sympathy for the afflicted, neither do they show respect for the dead.  
Those who attended the M. E. church Sunday evening had the pleasure of listening to an excellent sermon delivered by the Rev. E. M. Sneed.  
Mrs. A. Revoyre has been visiting in the city.  
Mrs. Tina, V. Cole of Montague visited friends in town Tuesday.  
Cut ice when there is any to cut was the motto this week.  
Robert S. Young of upper Montague was in town Tuesday on business.  
The time for shooting accidents is past, and now it reads: "Skaters drowned by breaking through the ice."  
William Hubbard is having a tussle with an attack of quincy.  
About 11 o'clock on Tuesday night Broad street was invaded by either a band of Comanches or cowboys. They had the Comanche yell and did the cowboy shooting. Is there not a borough ordinance prohibiting such orgies? If not there should be.

**A Country Summer Pastoral.**  
(As written by a learned scholar of the city, from knowledge derived from etymological deductions rather than from actual experience.)  
I would flee from the city's rule and law,  
From its fashion and form cut loose,  
And go where the straw berry grows on its straw,  
And the gooseberry at its loose,  
Where the cranip tree is climbed by the cat  
As she croonies for her prey—  
The guileless and unsuspecting rat  
On the rotten bush at play  
I will watch at ease for the saffron cow  
And the cowbird in their gloe,  
As they leap in joy from bough to bough  
On the top of the cowbird tree;  
Where the unlost partridge drums on his drum,  
And the woodcock chinks his wood,  
And the dog devours the dogwood plant  
In the primitive solitude.  
Oh, let me drink from the most grown pump  
That was hewn from the pumpkin tree,  
Eat mush and milk from the mushroom vine,  
And suck from the milkweed sweet,  
With sushons pineapple from the pineapple  
Such food as the gods might eat!  
And then to the whitewashed dairy I'll turn,  
Where the dairymaid hastening flies,  
Her ruddy and goldshaded butter to churn  
From the milk of her butterflies;  
And I'll die at morn with the early bird,  
To the fragrant farmyard pass,  
When the farmer turns his beautiful herd  
Of grasshoppers out to grass.

**Real Estate Transfers.**  
Frank Babcock and wife to Lewis M. Williams, 100 acres, Dingman, parts of Lake Brodhead and Josiah Gallaworth tracts. Consideration \$1.00.  
Walter H. Warner and wife to Nancy Armstrong, lots on George street, Milford borough. Consideration \$1000.  
Frank P. Heath to Michael Uch, lot in Matamoras on Jefferson street. Consideration \$1300.  
S. St. John Gardner and wife to John Marquardt and wife, 110 acres, Shohola. Consideration \$900.  
William Kelly and wife to Nettie A. B. Wirtz, 10,000 acres, Palmyra and Blooming Grove townships. Consideration \$1.  
Commissioners have been recorded to Geo. Gregory as sheriff, to B. E. Brown and John F. Englehardt, associate judges, and W. R. Kelly, corner.

Margaret J. Taylor and husband to Jas. E. Boyd, lot No. 108, Matamoras. Consideration \$75.  
Elizabeth Haffling and husband to William H. Mink, two deeds, one conveying interest in estate of Margaretta Mink, 287 acres, Lehigh township, consideration \$260, the other conveying 105 acres, Delaware township, part of William Ayers, consideration \$100.  
Mr. Van Campen Goes to Newton.  
Sherwood B. Van Campen, who for the past nine years has been the manager of Porter's Double Store in Deckertown, began an engagement with the W. D. Ackerson company at Park block, Newton, on Thursday of last week. He will remove his family to Newton in the spring. His many friends here greatly regret his departure, but at the same time are pleased to know that his removal is due only to a largely increased salary. He is one of the very brightest, ablest and most successful young merchants in the state and a most valued citizen. The Ackerson company did well in selecting him for the responsible position to which he has been called. He cannot but prove popular in Newton.—Sussex Independent.

**Real Estate Transfers.**  
Frank Babcock and wife to Lewis M. Williams, 100 acres, Dingman, parts of Lake Brodhead and Josiah Gallaworth tracts. Consideration \$1.00.  
Walter H. Warner and wife to Nancy Armstrong, lots on George street, Milford borough. Consideration \$1000.  
Frank P. Heath to Michael Uch, lot in Matamoras on Jefferson street. Consideration \$1300.  
S. St. John Gardner and wife to John Marquardt and wife, 110 acres, Shohola. Consideration \$900.  
William Kelly and wife to Nettie A. B. Wirtz, 10,000 acres, Palmyra and Blooming Grove townships. Consideration \$1.  
Commissioners have been recorded to Geo. Gregory as sheriff, to B. E. Brown and John F. Englehardt, associate judges, and W. R. Kelly, corner.

Margaret J. Taylor and husband to Jas. E. Boyd, lot No. 108, Matamoras. Consideration \$75.  
Elizabeth Haffling and husband to William H. Mink, two deeds, one conveying interest in estate of Margaretta Mink, 287 acres, Lehigh township, consideration \$260, the other conveying 105 acres, Delaware township, part of William Ayers, consideration \$100.  
Mr. Van Campen Goes to Newton.  
Sherwood B. Van Campen, who for the past nine years has been the manager of Porter's Double Store in Deckertown, began an engagement with the W. D. Ackerson company at Park block, Newton, on Thursday of last week. He will remove his family to Newton in the spring. His many friends here greatly regret his departure, but at the same time are pleased to know that his removal is due only to a largely increased salary. He is one of the very brightest, ablest and most successful young merchants in the state and a most valued citizen. The Ackerson company did well in selecting him for the responsible position to which he has been called. He cannot but prove popular in Newton.—Sussex Independent.

**Real Estate Transfers.**  
Frank Babcock and wife to Lewis M. Williams, 100 acres, Dingman, parts of Lake Brodhead and Josiah Gallaworth tracts. Consideration \$1.00.  
Walter H. Warner and wife to Nancy Armstrong, lots on George street, Milford borough. Consideration \$1000.  
Frank P. Heath to Michael Uch, lot in Matamoras on Jefferson street. Consideration \$1300.  
S. St. John Gardner and wife to John Marquardt and wife, 110 acres, Shohola. Consideration \$900.  
William Kelly and wife to Nettie A. B. Wirtz, 10,000 acres, Palmyra and Blooming Grove townships. Consideration \$1.  
Commissioners have been recorded to Geo. Gregory as sheriff, to B. E. Brown and John F. Englehardt, associate judges, and W. R. Kelly, corner.

Margaret J. Taylor and husband to Jas. E. Boyd, lot No. 108, Matamoras. Consideration \$75.  
Elizabeth Haffling and husband to William H. Mink, two deeds, one conveying interest in estate of Margaretta Mink, 287 acres, Lehigh township, consideration \$260, the other conveying 105 acres, Delaware township, part of William Ayers, consideration \$100.  
Mr. Van Campen Goes to Newton.  
Sherwood B. Van Campen, who for the past nine years has been the manager of Porter's Double Store in Deckertown, began an engagement with the W. D. Ackerson company at Park block, Newton, on Thursday of last week. He will remove his family to Newton in the spring. His many friends here greatly regret his departure, but at the same time are pleased to know that his removal is due only to a largely increased salary. He is one of the very brightest, ablest and most successful young merchants in the state and a most valued citizen. The Ackerson company did well in selecting him for the responsible position to which he has been called. He cannot but prove popular in Newton.—Sussex Independent.

**Real Estate Transfers.**  
Frank Babcock and wife to Lewis M. Williams, 100 acres, Dingman, parts of Lake Brodhead and Josiah Gallaworth tracts. Consideration \$1.00.  
Walter H. Warner and wife to Nancy Armstrong, lots on George street, Milford borough. Consideration \$1000.  
Frank P. Heath to Michael Uch, lot in Matamoras on Jefferson street. Consideration \$1300.  
S. St. John Gardner and wife to John Marquardt and wife, 110 acres, Shohola. Consideration \$900.  
William Kelly and wife to Nettie A. B. Wirtz, 10,000 acres, Palmyra and Blooming Grove townships. Consideration \$1.  
Commissioners have been recorded to Geo. Gregory as sheriff, to B. E. Brown and John F. Englehardt, associate judges, and W. R. Kelly, corner.

### THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

You can hardly tell in the morning what will happen before night.  
There are people who have no sympathy for the afflicted, neither do they show respect for the dead.  
Those who attended the M. E. church Sunday evening had the pleasure of listening to an excellent sermon delivered by the Rev. E. M. Sneed.  
Mrs. A. Revoyre has been visiting in the city.  
Mrs. Tina, V. Cole of Montague visited friends in town Tuesday.  
Cut ice when there is any to cut was the motto this week.  
Robert S. Young of upper Montague was in town Tuesday on business.  
The time for shooting accidents is past, and now it reads: "Skaters drowned by breaking through the ice."  
William Hubbard is having a tussle with an attack of quincy.  
About 11 o'clock on Tuesday night Broad street was invaded by either a band of Comanches or cowboys. They had the Comanche yell and did the cowboy shooting. Is there not a borough ordinance prohibiting such orgies? If not there should be.

**A Country Summer Pastoral.**  
(As written by a learned scholar of the city, from knowledge derived from etymological deductions rather than from actual experience.)  
I would flee from the city's rule and law,  
From its fashion and form cut loose,  
And go where the straw berry grows on its straw,  
And the gooseberry at its loose,  
Where the cranip tree is climbed by the cat  
As she croonies for her prey—  
The guileless and unsuspecting rat  
On the rotten bush at play  
I will watch at ease for the saffron cow  
And the cowbird in their gloe,  
As they leap in joy from bough to bough  
On the top of the cowbird tree;  
Where the unlost partridge drums on his drum,  
And the woodcock chinks his wood,  
And the dog devours the dogwood plant  
In the primitive solitude.  
Oh, let me drink from the most grown pump  
That was hewn from the pumpkin tree,  
Eat mush and milk from the mushroom vine,  
And suck from the milkweed sweet,  
With sushons pineapple from the pineapple  
Such food as the gods might eat!  
And then to the whitewashed dairy I'll turn,  
Where the dairymaid hastening flies,  
Her ruddy and goldshaded butter to churn  
From the milk of her butterflies;  
And I'll die at morn with the early bird,  
To the fragrant farmyard pass,  
When the farmer turns his beautiful herd  
Of grasshoppers out to grass.

**Real Estate Transfers.**  
Frank Babcock and wife to Lewis M. Williams, 100 acres, Dingman, parts of Lake Brodhead and Josiah Gallaworth tracts. Consideration \$1.00.  
Walter H. Warner and wife to Nancy Armstrong, lots on George street, Milford borough. Consideration \$1000.  
Frank P. Heath to Michael Uch, lot in Matamoras on Jefferson street. Consideration \$1300.  
S. St. John Gardner and wife to John Marquardt and wife, 110 acres, Shohola. Consideration \$900.  
William Kelly and wife to Nettie A. B. Wirtz, 10,000 acres, Palmyra and Blooming Grove townships. Consideration \$1.  
Commissioners have been recorded to Geo. Gregory as sheriff, to B. E. Brown and John F. Englehardt, associate judges, and W. R. Kelly, corner.

Margaret J. Taylor and husband to Jas. E. Boyd, lot No. 108, Matamoras. Consideration \$75.  
Elizabeth Haffling and husband to William H. Mink, two deeds, one conveying interest in estate of Margaretta Mink, 287 acres, Lehigh township, consideration \$260, the other conveying 105 acres, Delaware township, part of William Ayers, consideration \$100.  
Mr. Van Campen Goes to Newton.  
Sherwood B. Van Campen, who for the past nine years has been the manager of Porter's Double Store in Deckertown, began an engagement with the W. D. Ackerson company at Park block, Newton, on Thursday of last week. He will remove his family to Newton in the spring. His many friends here greatly regret his departure, but at the same time are pleased to know that his removal is due only to a largely increased salary. He is one of the very brightest, ablest and most successful young merchants in the state and a most valued citizen. The Ackerson company did well in selecting him for the responsible position to which he has been called. He cannot but prove popular in Newton.—Sussex Independent.

**Real Estate Transfers.**  
Frank Babcock and wife to Lewis M. Williams, 100 acres, Dingman, parts of Lake Brodhead and Josiah Gallaworth tracts. Consideration \$1.00.  
Walter H. Warner and wife to Nancy Armstrong, lots on George street, Milford borough. Consideration \$1000.  
Frank P. Heath to Michael Uch, lot in Matamoras on Jefferson street. Consideration \$1300.  
S. St. John Gardner and wife to John Marquardt and wife, 110 acres, Shohola. Consideration \$900.  
William Kelly and wife to Nettie A. B. Wirtz, 10,000 acres, Palmyra and Blooming Grove townships. Consideration \$1.  
Commissioners have been recorded to Geo. Gregory as sheriff, to B. E. Brown and John F. Englehardt, associate judges, and W. R. Kelly, corner.

Margaret J. Taylor and husband to Jas. E. Boyd, lot No. 108, Matamoras. Consideration \$75.  
Elizabeth Haffling and husband to William H. Mink, two deeds, one conveying interest in estate of Margaretta Mink, 287 acres, Lehigh township, consideration \$260, the other conveying 105 acres, Delaware township, part of William Ayers, consideration \$100.  
Mr. Van Campen Goes to Newton.  
Sherwood B. Van Campen, who for the past nine years has been the manager of Porter's Double Store in Deckertown, began an engagement with the W. D. Ackerson company at Park block, Newton, on Thursday of last week. He will remove his family to Newton in the spring. His many friends here greatly regret his departure, but at the same time are pleased to know that his removal is due only to a largely increased salary. He is one of the very brightest, ablest and most successful young merchants in the state and a most valued citizen. The Ackerson company did well in selecting him for the responsible position to which he has been called. He cannot but prove popular in Newton.—Sussex Independent.

**Real Estate Transfers.**  
Frank Babcock and wife to Lewis M. Williams, 100 acres, Dingman, parts of Lake Brodhead and Josiah Gallaworth tracts. Consideration \$1.00.  
Walter H. Warner and wife to Nancy Armstrong, lots on George street, Milford borough. Consider