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Lightening rod swindlers have done several rods down in Monroe county to the tune of thousands of dollars in the aggregate. Moral: Don't sign harmless little agreements for strangers not necessarily obligating yourself for any thing but simply to show your good will. Such papers turn over night into notes which you will be held to pay. Be very careful with the oily tongued agent. He is after your money and if you begin to write your name he'll get it.

Hon. J. K. P. Hall of Elk has been elected chairman of the Democratic State committee.

County Commissioner Vandermark recently purchased a fine yoke of cattle up in Wayne county.

Farmers can now sell their own products without a license in and about the streets of boroughs, the governor having signed the act granting the permission.

The R. W. G. M. Edgar A. Tennis accompanied by a number of grand officers and distinguished masons from Philadelphia will today constitute the J. Simpson Africa lodge, F. & A. M., at East Stroudsburg.

Mrs. Margaret, widow of the late Alfred Brink, died at her home near Sparrowbush, N. Y., Wednesday aged 62 years. She was born in Dingman township, this county, and was a daughter of Anthony and Jemima Rosser.

Mrs. Cotterill, who formerly resided in Lehman, this county, died at the home of her son, Albert, at Bushkill last Saturday of pneumonia, aged about 75 years. The funeral was held Monday and interment in Delaware cemetery.

Bishop Riley, presiding over the Philadelphia colored conference at Westchester, said members must not smoke and if they do must suffer the consequences. He said: "If the Lord had intended men, and especially ministers, to smoke he would have made him with smoke-stacks on top of his head. Some of you indulge in the habit. It is not Christianlike. Let us help sustain both the moral and civil law."

Antiquated Methods

Where there is not a woman in the case, congress seems to be the party present. In the matter of the trouble in the post office department, it seems that the methods of auditing are antiquated and entirely inadequate, so insufficient that far greater scandals than the present one are constantly invited the post office department is an enormous machine—and also that the defects have been called repeatedly to the attention of congress, officially, with recommendations for the adoption of new methods. Auditor Castle of the department has again and again urged congress's attention to the "notoriously defective methods" in use, but that august body has not heeded. With such a great organization as the post office department of the United States having annual money transactions of a billion dollars, the most up-to-date methods should have long since been provided, and change from time to time as the necessity demanded.

Democrats and Tariff

Immediate revision of the tariff is the democratic platform announced by ex-Senator Hill of New York, although he knows that even should the democrats win in the next presidential election, it would be impossible for them to revise the tariff. What revision of the tariff is made will be done by the people who believe in a tariff, not by those who are theoretical free-traders, even though they did not have the spark to enact a free-trade law, or one which did anything but embarrass manufacturing industries, when they had the opportunity.

Reasonableness of Woman Suffrage

There is nothing against woman suffrage except the prejudice of human nature. I grant that the issue is radical—all reforms necessarily are—but no cause in the political world has more reason for recognition than woman suffrage. Up to about 50 years ago higher education for women had the prejudice of the world against it—the classics would ruin her morals, philosophy would ruin her religion and mathematics would ruin her health, and in general a college education would take away her desire to be a good wife and mother, so to protect her the colleges were closed against her.

While the qualifications for American suffrage is taking some attention now because of certain constitutional action in the southern states, this question deserves the first consideration. Its importance and justice lie over every other question pertaining to American suffrage. You hear much talk about the injustice to the illiterate colored man, but what of the injustice to the educated womanhood of America? You cannot point to a single instance where the right of ballot given to the colored man has lifted the morals of the community where it was exercised, but I defy you to show me a single instance where the right of suffrage to women did not lift the moral tone of the community where it was practiced, and woman suffrage has a history of practical working covering 70 years. I am not advocating a system to disfranchise men because they are colored, or to give the right of suffrage to another class because they are women, but intelligence should have recognition, whether it lies in the brain of man or woman, white or colored, and anything short of this savors of superstition and slavery. Ignorance of voters has been the cause of much of our political crime. No one should be allowed to vote who cannot read and write, and in no election should anyone, man or woman, holding property be debarred from casting their ballots. By every law of justice it would pass as an axiom that every taxpayer should have a voice in the expenditure of the tax money we pay. Argue as you may, any other conclusion is unjust and is bound by prejudice.—Peter Ainslie, D. D., Baltimore, Md.

Strikes and Prosperity

A few editors, now and then, break forth into calamitous wails over the condition of the country. Dispepsia must be a potent factor in such cases, for certainly the United States has never been in a better physical and mental condition than it is today. The Boston Post takes occasion to point out that apparently strikes indicate anything but prosperity. It dwells at length on the number and extent of the strikes now on and wants to know if "this looks like prosperity"—the unexampled prosperity Secretary Root in his Boston speech and President Roosevelt in Milwaukee said that we should probably have with us indefinitely if we did not open the tariff question. As a matter of fact strikes are always more or less associated with prosperity. Strikes come at all times both as a result of hard times and along with good ones, but there is a vast difference in the causes. The strikes of the last Cleveland regime were the sullen protests of labor against the reduction of wages, made by manufacturers because the people would not buy their products and there was no money being made; today the manufacturers and the capitalists of industry are coining money and labor strikes for increased wages what it believes to be its share of the in rolling wealth. It is difficult to see what satisfaction is obtained from calamity howling at this time.

Germany Investigating

Germany proposes to keep abreast of American agriculture by sending over a party of fifty eminent practical and scientific agriculturists to make an extensive tour of American farming and fruit growing sections. Advanced agents have been spying out the land and have forwarded a report to Germany advising the party how to prepare for the American invasion. In summer, the report states, "the American wears light trousers, a leather belt, a shirt and a light jacket. Only at festival dinners are evening clothes worn," and advice is given that the party bring its own cigars as nothing smokable in this line can be had in the United States for less than ten cents. Perhaps the American idea would be that fifty large Dutch merchant pipes and a bale or two of tobacco would meet the latter demand.

A few presidential possibilities

are being mentioned, and not a few possibilities.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of School Directors of the Independent School District of Milford, for the furnishing of materials and erection to completion of a school house building to be erected on Catharine street in the Borough of Milford, Pa. The plans and specifications for said proposed building may be obtained by parties interested from the secretary of the school board on Saturday evening, March 23th, and at any time thereafter to and including the first (1st) day of May following at which time the bids will be closed. The school board reserve to themselves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the board. H. E. EMERSON, Secretary. Milford, Pa., March 23, 1903.

Elise—When babies die and go to heaven I wonder where they put them. Bessie—I dunno but I guess its somewhere near the milky way.—Philadelphia Press.

Notes From the E. S. S. N. S.

A very interesting program was rendered on Saturday evening by the Minisink Literary society.

Miss B. O. Long, matron, has returned from visiting her mother in Philadelphia.

Among those who have lately entered the school are Miss Laura Gilpin, Miss Charlotte Gilpin, Miss Loretta Augenstein, John Carr, Judson Noble, Thomas Woodley and Joseph Dunlavy.

Harry Shaw, Miss Eleanor Biscoe and Miss Daves have been absent for a few days.

Meyer Lewis has been visiting his parents in Soranton for a week.

The normal ball team played their first game of the season with Lafayette College. The score 3-5 in favor of the normal.

Friday, April 17, James K. Fanner, a prominent member of the board of trustees of this school breathed his last. Funeral services were held on Tuesday in charge of Rev. McNeil. At the suggestion of Prof. Kemp the school presented a beautiful floral tribute and marched to his home in East Stroudsburg where the funeral services were held.

The Enlarged Philadelphia "Sunday Press"

"The Sunday Press" is a pretty large paper already, but it is impossible to get into it all we wish without making it still larger. Beginning with next Sunday, April 26, therefore, "The Sunday Press" readers will find two big color and half-tone sections added to what they have been receiving heretofore.

One of the new sections will be especially for women, and will be conducted by Annie Rittenhouse. It will be a magazine of fashion, beauty, strength, social customs and everything that is understood to be of special interest to women readers. Young people read "The Press" but they want a larger representation in it, so the second new color section will be for children of all ages. They will find there puzzles, games, stories, comics and instruction in how to make things. A fascinating serial story, "The New Boy at Date," will begin in the first issue of this young people's color section.

This means no diminution of strength, variety or interest in the other sections of the paper. Buyers of "The Sunday Press" will get all they have been accustomed to with a great deal of bright, lively and interesting matter in addition. It will pay for everybody to get "The Philadelphia Sunday Press" of April 26.

Primary Election Notice

The Republican primary elections throughout Pike county will be held on Saturday, May 9th, 1903, from 3 p. m. to 8 p. m. for the nomination of candidates for the following offices:

One delegate to the state convention.

One jury commissioner.

One judicial conferees.

Seven members of the county committee.

One town committeeman in each section district.

Twenty days before said primary elections each candidate shall notify the county chairman of his candidacy and pay his assessment of one dollar.

By order of the county committee. W. A. H. MITCHELL, Chairman.

FRANK B. THURALL, Secretary. Milford, Pa., April 23rd, 1903.

This Iowa Idea

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Advice to Parents

Don't "spank the rod and spoil the child." An spring is very wrong. Just let him with his rod run wild. And let the whole day long.—Philadelphia Press.

Danger of Colds and Grip

The greatest danger from colds and grip is their resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for these diseases we have yet to learn of a single case having resulted in pneumonia, which shows conclusively that it is a certain preventive of that dangerous disease. It will cure a cold or an attack of the grip in less time than any other treatment. It is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Balch & Son, Matamoras, all general stores in Pike county.

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PAUPAC.

The fine weather of the last few days has induced the farmers of this locality to think of their spring work. The ground has been so cold and wet that but little spring plowing has been done as yet.

G. W. Wilson is absent on a business and pleasure trip to his native city, Philadelphia, and is expected home the latter part of this week.

Bennie Wilson returned to his work on Friday. He was accompanied as far as Soranton by his brother, Marshal.

A few of our neighbors attended the dance held in the old kindling wood factory at Wilsonville last Saturday evening, returning home in the wee small hours of the Sabbath morning.

Kate Anslay has secured employment in the household of Mrs. Wilmer Clark.

Little Gumble returned home last week.

A few of our schools have closed for the summer vacation. School No. 3 closed Friday after, we trust, a successful term. The following pupils were in attendance every day during the last month: Mary and Annie Gumble; Laura, Harry, Clarence and Freddie Singer; Eddie, George and Harold Gumble; Leslie and Florence Singer, and Willard Wilson. Eddie Gumble, Clarence Singer and Florence Singer were present every day during the term and several others were absent but one day owing to sickness.

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AMERICA'S TOBACCO BILL.

Retail Value of the Output of Cigars, Cigarettes, Etc., is Placed at \$1,000,000,000 a Year.

The trust has gone into the manufacture of cigars. It has been in business less than two years and during the past 12 months it produced about a billion cigars. As the total production of the country is approximately 7,000,000,000 this represents a very fair amount of business for an infant concern. This has been a period of remarkable expansion in the cigar trade, however, and the production of the American Cigar company represents just about the increase for the year, so that the new enterprise has not interfered seriously with the independent manufacturers, says Leslie's Monthly.

The enormous extent of the tobacco business in America may be realized from the fact that 7,000,000,000 cigars, 3,000,000,000 cigarettes, and 200,000,000 pounds of manufactured tobacco and 15,000,000 pounds of snuff are produced every year. The retail value of all the smoking and chewing tobacco, in its various forms, approaches \$200,000,000 annually. It is indeed a business of royal proportions, and its control is worth fighting for.

Grip Remedies in Great Demand

When colds and grip are prevalent the quickest and surest remedies are in great demand. Mr. Joseph D. Williams, of McDuff, Va., says that he was cured of a very deep and lasting attack of la grippe by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy after trying several other preparations with no effect. For sale by Balch & Son, Matamoras, all general stores in Pike county.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE

In the matter of the estate of JACOB KILWANGER, In the Orphans' Court of Pike County, Pennsylvania, deceased. The undersigned auditor appointed by the court "to make distribution of funds in the hands of executor, as shown by his fourth account, to parties entitled and report at next term with the evidence taken by him" will meet the parties interested for the purpose of his appointment on Tuesday, the 13th day of May, A. D., 1903, at two o'clock p. m., at his office, Se. E. corner Third and Ann streets, in the Borough of Milford, Pa., when and where all parties interested or having claim upon said funds so for distribution, are required to attend and make and prove their claim or be debarred from coming in upon said funds. H. T. HAKER, Auditor. Milford, Pa., April 2, 1903.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE COUNTY OF PIKE.

In the matter of the application of The Matamoras Water Company for an extension of time under its charter.

No. 7. March Term, 1903. Notice is hereby given that The Matamoras Water Company filed its petition in the Court of Common Pleas of Pike County on March 19th, 1903, praying for an order and decree, extending the time of such corporation, to complete its necessary building, structures, property or improvements, for a period of five years, from and after May 31, A. D. 1903, and that the court have fixed 27th day of April next, at 2 o'clock p. m., for hearing said application, when and where all persons interested can attend if they deem it expedient and show cause against the granting of the prayer of said petition. C. W. BULL, Solicitor for Petitioner. Milford, March 20, 1903.

THEY LAY IN MAY

In most localities moths lay their eggs in May, and it is important that you use some sort of a moth destroyer in your furs and woollens before that time. These articles should be dusted and sunned and then packed away with moth balls, naphthalene, camphor gum or something of that character.

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Knitted Underwear Ladies' ribbed summer vests, high neck and long sleeves, high neck and short sleeves, low neck and no sleeves at all, in all cotton, all wool, cotton and wool, 80 to 90c. Men's long sleeves and short sleeves in colored and unbleached; medium and summer weights, 25c to \$1.50. Children's wants well cared for.

IMPORTANT OUTER GARMENT SALE

We've made careful preparation for a big selling event in our garment rooms. When you see style and quality linked to such low prices it will certainly pay you to carefully investigate.

Suits and Jackets All-wool foute serge suits, new collarless jacket lined with infata, flare skirt, lined throughout, \$9.25. Prices as by easy jumps to \$18. Black silk jackets, lined with white, extra values, \$8 to \$14.

STYLISH SHIRT WAISTS

This will be the season's biggest showing of shirt waists. These waists are all the most approved styles. They are made of silk and all the popular weaves of wash materials. The prices will surely impress you.

Silk Waists Just as popular as ever this season. China silk waists in black and white trimmed with lace insertion, new sleeve effects, \$1.95 to \$5. Special value in black Pique de Sole waists at \$4.25, beautifully made, stylish and proper. Nice for evening wear at an time.

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