## THE TIMES, NEW BLOOMFIELD, PA., DECEMBER 25, 1877.

#### A Centre County Cave.

Mr. J. S. Arnold, of Snyder county, having visited Animus Cave sends the following description to the Middleburg Post :

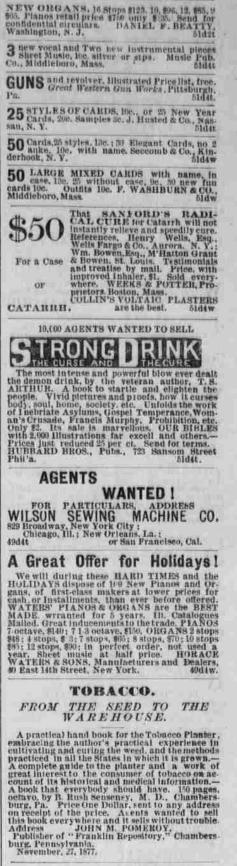
This cave is located at the head of Penn's Creek in the western end of Bush mountain, which is at the junction of Bush and Penn's Valley, in Miles township, Centre county. We descended an almost perpendicular declivity from the top of the mountain into a rectangular pit, said to be nearly 100 feet deep, and 30 feet long and 15 feet wide at the bottom. At the eastern end of the pit is the opening of the cave, about 10 feet wide. The cavern is divided into three apartments, the bottom of two of which is water, and of the other limestone rock. We were provided with lanterns, which we lit when preparing to enter. We entered the first apartment with a boat, being one with a water bottom. This first apartment is about 30 feet wide at the beginning, and widens to the middle, where it is about 100 feet wide, then narrows again to 50 feet, at the eastern end. It is about one-eighth of mile long. On the northern side of this apartment is the entrance into the second room. There we left our boat and entered it afoot, being the room with the rock bottom. We made an ascent, then again a descent, then came into the room. The dimensions of this second room are unknown, not having been explored to its limits. In this apartment are stalagmites in the form of almost everything in art and nature, caused by the droppings of calcareous water from the We were about an hour in this part, top. examining the beautiful models, and making a circuitous route of about one-fourth of a mile in length, and then came to the opening again. After coming out of this, we took our boats again and went to the eastern end of the first room, and entered the third room on the boat, the opening being about 6 feet. The dimensions of this are about one-eighth of a mile long, and averages about 30 feet in width. The height of all the rooms is about 30 feet. The sides of this third room are formed, as it were, in shelves on which are stalagmite toys in the form of almost everthing imaginable, caused too, by the droppings of calcareous water, and of the most fastastic colors. The ceiling of all the 100ms of this cave has a wavy surface. The waves run parallel on an easterly and westerly direction. They are of different width and thickness. They are denticulated with stalactites which give it the appearance of a saw. These stalactites are formed by calcareous water. The water in this cave is the source of Penn's Creek. In every part of the cave are hanging bats, heads downward, in countless numbers, of all species and varieties in this part of the world. A visit to this great natural curiosity is well worth any person's trouble and expense. The cave is the property of Mr. D. Long, who accommodates all who come to visit it for a small remuneration. J. S. ARNOLD.

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#### Poisoned by Liver Puddings.

On Thursday a week a farmer, named Fairchild, residing in the borough of Whitehaven, Luzerne county, slaughtered his hogs, and as usual, manufactured a quantity of liver puddings, some of which he sent to relatives and neighbors. Soon







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after five members of Mr. Fairchild's family were taken suddenly ill, and a physician who was summoned pronounced the patients suffering from poison, and the puddings were finally traced as the cause. Word was immediately sent to others who had received the puddings, but the warning came too late, twenty-three persons being already sick from partaking of the poisoned meat. It is thought that several of the sufferers will die. The poison is supposed to have been communicated to the puddings from a copper kettle used in preparing them.

### A Strange Case.

In the Philadelphia Court James Frank-Iln was charged with having caused the death of Mrs. Sarah Dotts. The parties were near neighbors on Lawrence street, and their houses being similar, the defendant one morning at 2 o'clock entered his neighbor's domicile, thinking that it was his own. As he had to break open the door to get in, he thought things looked suspicious, and he straightway made for what he supposed to be his wife's bed-room. Mr. and Mrs. Dotts, who occupied the room, took him for a burglar, and Mr. Dotts tussled with him while his wife called for assistance. When the officers put in an appearance the men were clutching each other, and it was not until light was thrown on the scene that the mistake was discovered. It appeared that Mrs. Dotts was suffering from consumption at the time, and that the shock that was given her nervous system was so great that she died shortly afterward.

The grain crop of South Russia for 1877 has been the largest harvested during twenty-five years. This grain was bought at a very low price in the depreciated currency of the country, and is stored awaiting the cessation of hostilities for shipment. It will take its place in the markets of the world at so small a cost to the purchasers that it will no doubt have a depressing influence upon the price of grain from other countries.

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#### TRAVERSE JUNORS,

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