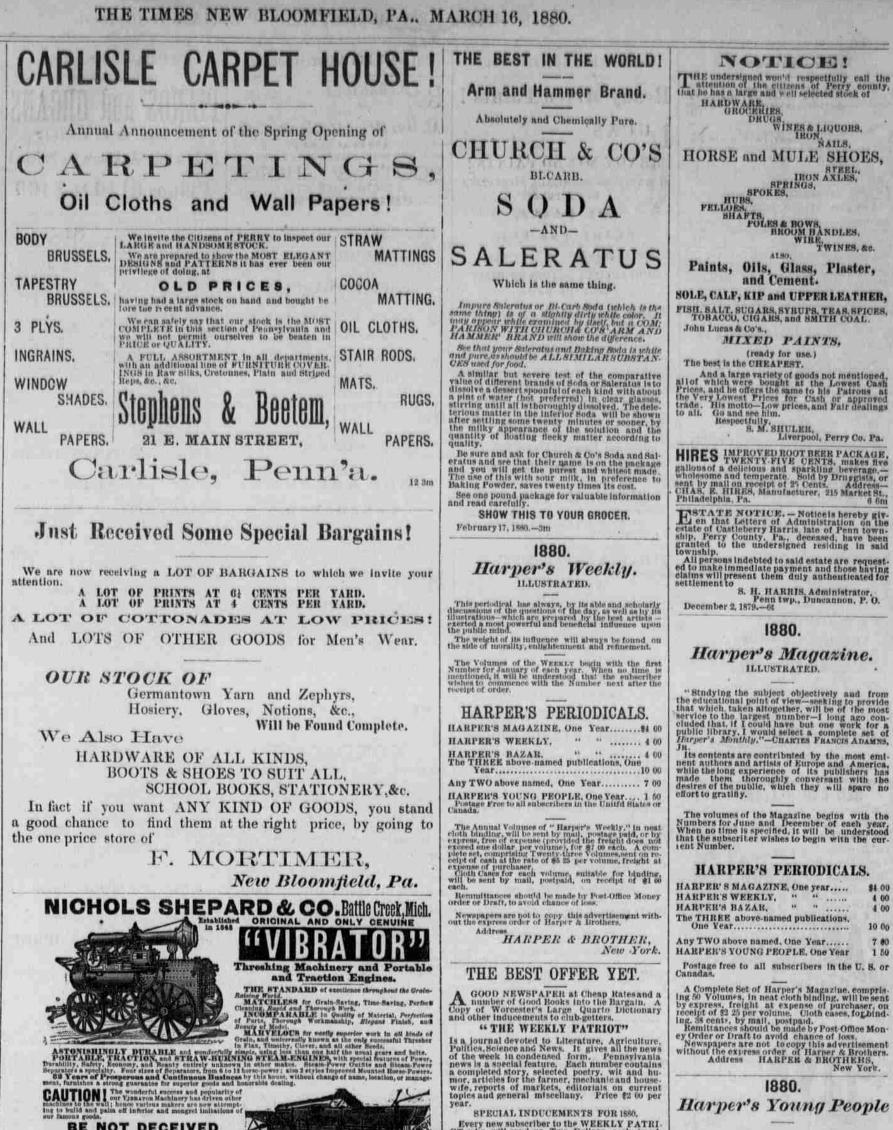
#### A Farmer's Desperate Struggle.

Valentine White, a resident of Bradford county, this state, lives on a farm near which is a deuse forest, in which bear, deer and wolf are abundant. In the rear of Mr. White's house is a huge frame barn, with great cracks, caused by decaying boards. A few mornings ago White went out to the barn to feed his stock. As he reached the barn he heard an unusual commotion inside. Thinking some of the animals had broken lose, he did not open the front door lest they should escape, but squeezed himself through a large aparture left by a broken board. As soon as he entered the uproar increased, and he saw in the middle of the barn floor a heifer which had torn herself from the stanchion by main force, and broken one horn in the act. Clinging to her muzzle was a large gray wolf, with its long, sharp teeth fastened in the animal's nose with a bull dog grip, while another was trying to hamstring the poor creature.

The bellowing of the heifer, the snarling of the wolves, and the rattling of the loose barn floor made a deafening racket, and the human intruder was unnoticed. The cow shook the wolf like a limp rag, and pounded the sides of the stable with it. but in vain. Old White's anger at the attack on his stock overmastered all feelings of prudence, and, seizing a pitchfork, he prepared bimself for an attack. No sooner did the wolves perceive him, than, maddened by the taste of blood, they turned from the heifer and attacked him. As one of the infuriated animals sprang toward the old man, he dealt it a mighty blow with the fork, sending it into a corner. But the other animal caught its teeth in the old man's right coat sleeve, and in such close quarters that the weapon was of no avail. After kicking uselessly at the animal he grasped its throat with his left hand and choked the wolf until it let go. Then seizing again the pitchfork, he dealt a well directed blow and broke the leg of one of the animals, which then dodged through the hole behind him, and limped off, howling dismally. The other wolf held its ground, and whenever opportunity was offered sprang at the old man, now and then fastening its teeth into his arms, Though bleeding profusly, White continued the fight, and finally, with a well directed the light, and many, with a well directed thrust of the pitchfork, sent the times through the animal's heart, killing it almost instantly. The dead wolf is of large size, gaunt with hunger, and with a shaggy coat of light gray. White's clothes were torn into shreds, and his face, neck and breast were scarred deeply by the claws of the animal.

#### A Baltimore Mystery.

Baltimore has a first-class mystery on hand. While workmen were demolishing the old Nicholson mansion on West Baltimore street they came upon an interior wall in one of the rooms of the first floor, which at first appearance seemed to be built against the outer wall, but when they began to tear it down they found that between this interior wall and the main wall were two carefully-constructed vaults, each centaining a human skeleton. The bones soon crumbled on being exposed to the air, but from their shape medical experts decided that the one skeleton was that of a woman and the other that of a child. The building was crected in 1802, and from the indications it would seem that the inside wall and vaults were built soon afterward. None of the numerous tenants who have occupied the house ever suspected that two skeletons were concealed in its walls. In 1841 the house passed into the hands of the late J. J. Nicholson, a well known Baltimore banker, who lived in it some years, and it was owned by his family until a short time since, when it was purchased by the German Savings Bank. After the building was vacated by Mr. Nicholson it was occupied for a time by a noted slave dealer named Grimes, but the neighbors complained so much of the oruelties practiced there that he was compelled to change his quarters.



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