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Persistent in the Right; Fearless in Opposing Wrong.

VOLUME 9.

COLLEGEVILLE, PENN'A., AUGUST 23, 1883.

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The Engineer's Story.

Business had brought me to the little town of D—, among the New Hampshire Hills, and here, much against my will, I was detained for several days, while waiting for instructions from my employers. The nearest periodical store was twelve miles away, and without books or papers, time hung heavy on my hands.

The only break in my monotonous life was the arrival of the trains twice a day, and in the dead calm of my existence this little ripple of excitement became as much to me as the opera under more favorable circumstances. It was while lounging upon the platform that I became acquainted with George Seaforth, engineer on the B. C. & M. R. R. He was a man about thirty-five years of age. Not what would be called an educated man, but sensible and clear headed. His home was in Concord, where he had a wife and two children. He ran from Concord to D—, and for two hours, while waiting for the "down train," he was in D—.

The acquaintance, at first began to while away an idle hour, on my part, at least, grew to a strong liking, and to-day there is no one among my acquaintances for whom I feel a greater respect and esteem than for George Seaforth.

He had been on the cars since he was sixteen, first as a train boy, then as brakeman, fireman, and for the last ten years as engineer.

"You must have had some strange adventures in that time," I said one day, as we sat upon the platform of the little station, waiting for the train. "Strange adventures?" he repeated, taking his pipe from his mouth, and looking meditatively across the green fields "Strange adventures! You may well say, sir. We train men are always having adventures."

"Suppose you tell me some of them," I suggested.

"Well," looking at his watch, "as there's plenty of time, I don't mind telling you of one queer one I had six years ago, though I don't often speak of it, for you see when a man's been face to face with death, he can't talk of it very well."

I settled myself on the rough bench that did duty as a chair as comfortably as I could, took a fresh cigar, and he began:

"It happened in this way. I was running the old Lion from Lee to Fairtown. If you know anything about New England, you know that September's a month of fairs, and this particular September was no exception to the general rule. We had lots of extra work to do, but as we had extra pay, there was no grumbling. It was toward the last of the month that the fair at M— came off. Two or three extras were put on, timed so as to run between the regular trains. Jim Turner fired for me then. Jim was as good a fellow as ever lived, with but one fault—he would go off on 'a time' once in a while. He didn't do it very often and as he'd do more work than any other man on the road, the company kept him. But Jim had been pretty sober lately. I believe he hadn't drunk anything for as much as six months; so I kind of got out of the habit of watching him, and he went and came pretty much as he chose.

"Well, we got along all right this time, till almost night we stopped at D— for wood and water. While we were waiting, March, the depot master, came along, and says he: 'Seaforth, I want you to do me a favor.'

"What is it?" says I, for March and I were pretty good friends.

"Well," says he, "there's a young woman here who wants to go to Fairtown, and she hasn't a cent of money. She came to get work, and she's lost her pocket-book, and hasn't any way to get back home. I don't feel at liberty to pass her over the road (they'd been making a row about free passes) and she ain't the kind that you'd feel like offering money to. So I thought maybe you'd let her ride on the engine."

"Well, I didn't like to refuse March, for, as I said before, he and I were good friends, and he had done me many a good turn; but I must say the idea of having a woman in the cab all the way to Fairtown wasn't very pleasing, and I said so to March, but he was bound to have her go, and said so much that I finally told him to bring her along. She came out upon the platform, a little, pale-faced thing, who

looked at me with great frightened eyes, as though she thought I was a bear, and would eat her up as soon as we left the station. March introduced her as Miss Lord, and seemed to expect me to say something to make her feel at home, but I was all out of sorts, and I only nodded in a surly sort of way. I saw the tears come into her eyes, and you better believe I felt kind of mean, but didn't say anything, and March helped her on the engine.

"I saw her put out a little white hand, not much bigger'n a child's, and lay it on his arm, as she said: 'God bless you, Mr. March.'

"And then I went off to look for Jim, who was late. 'I found him the other side of the depot, with a two-gallon can of kerosene in his hand.

"You see," he said, as I asked rather sharply where he'd been, 'I can get this a good deal cheaper here than at Fairtown, and my wife thinks it's a sight better, too.'

"Well, come along," I said, 'for we're two minutes behind now.'

"When we got back to the engine March had gone, and Miss Lord sat there alone.

"Jim stared, but I said: 'This young woman's going to ride on the engine to Fairtown. She's a friend of Mr. March.' So he put down his kerosene and took his place on the cab.

"I heard the conductor's 'All aboard!' and then we were off.

"I was busy with levers and valves, for a man who drives a train holds the lives of hundreds in his hands, and one careless motion may send them all into eternity. So you see I hadn't much time to think of anything but my machine, but I noticed that Jim was pretty talkative. At first I thought it was because we had a woman aboard but by and by I began to suspect it was something worse than that—His voice grew thick and his movements uncertain, and at last I could no longer hide from myself the fact that he had been drinking. Still I anticipated no trouble. We were already more than half way to Fairtown, and I thought he would keep up till we got there.

"At A—the station-master handed the conductor a telegram. He read it, and then handed it to me. It ordered us to go on to N—to meet the special. I had expected to stop at the next station, and N— was ten miles beyond, but orders are orders and must be obeyed. So I told Jim to pile on the wood and I put on all the steam I dared, and we went spinning over the road at a rate that must have astonished the passengers.

"We had gone a little more than half way, and I was beginning to think we might make the distance without much trouble, when Jim set right down on the floor of the cab and began to whimper.

"Get up, you fool, and go to work," I cried.

"I can't," he whimpered. 'I'm tired, an' mus' go ter sleep.'

"Get up, you rascal," I shouted. "Don't you know we've got to get to N— in ten minutes, or meet the special train?"

"I can't help it, let their oil train come. I tell ye I'm tired. Now, look here, Seaforth," nodding his head with drunken gravity. 'You're workin' too hard. Why, man, you won't live out half your days, if you don't take things easy. I'm goin' to anyway.'

"And he laid down on the floor of the cab, and shut his eyes, muttering, 'Take it easy, easy, Jim'll take it easy.'

"I suppose I must have acted like a wild man, for I knew that before I could let the conductor know the fix we were in, and get help, it would be too late to save the train, and I'm afraid I used some pretty strong words as a man is apt too when he gets in a tight place. Not that the words help him out of it. I suppose they only let off some of the extra steam, and make him think quicker. I stormed away there, all the time trying to do my work and Jim's and knowing every moment that we were losing ground. The steam was going down, and the engine slowing up, spite of all I could do.

"I tell you," and he passed his hand over his forehead, "it makes the sweat start out on me now, when I think of that run. It seems to me that I lived a lifetime in those few minutes. It's an awful thing to have so many lives depending on you. In the cars behind me were hundreds more, and only a step between them and eternity. All

this time, the girl March had put on the engine had been sitting perfectly still, watching everything that went on, and now, when seemed lost, she threw off her shawl, and stepped into Jim's place, saying quietly:

"I'll take that man's place, Mr. Seaforth."

"You?" and I looked at the slight, almost girlish figure, in astonishment.

"Yes," she said. 'I am stronger than I look, and I've been watching the man, so I know I can his work.'

"It was a forlorn hope, but our only one, and, after one brief moment of hesitation, I said:

"Very well, you can but try, and if you fail—"

"I did not finish the sentence, for, at the thought of failure, the terrible picture of mangled, bleeding bodies, crushed out of all semblance of humanity rose before me, and I turned away with a groan. A slight shudder passed over the girl, and she seemed to grow paler, but, without a word, she took her place, throwing on the wood as I directed, and doing so well that, spite of my anxiety, I could not but notice the dexterity with which she handled heavy sticks. The strength of half-a-dozen men seemed concentrated in her slender arms, but, spite of her efforts, we hardly seemed to gain ground.

"I looked at my watch and fairly groaned aloud as I saw that it wanted ten minutes of six, and at six we were to pass the extra at N—. There was no time to put back, and no chance to stop till we reached N—. There was nothing for us to do but to go straight on, though I felt that we were going straight to destruction. As the hands of the watch crept around, telling off the minutes, I watched them with a sort of fascination, feeling as though I were turned to stone. Well, if you'll believe me, that girl, instead of making a row, as most women would have done, never said a word, though she seemed to know just how things were going, but, after one look at my face—and I suppose I must have looked pretty bad—although by inspiration it seemed to me, she did one of those things a man would never have thought of. Right behind her was the oil can Jim had got at D—. With a steady hand she lifted the heavy can and poured half its contents on the wood, then she threw the wood upon the fire, and it blazed up with a quick, fierce heat, that sent the engine flying over the rails at a rate that fairly made one dizzy. Still she piled on the oil, and still we went faster. The train rocked from side to side and the engine seemed hardly to touch the rails. I looked at my watch, and then anxiously in the direction of N—. It wanted three minutes of six. Oh, if there might be some delay, something to make the other train even one minute late. But no, away in the distance I could see a faint line of smoke coming nearer and nearer. The girl saw it too, and reached for the oil can.

"It's of no use," I said. 'We can't get there, and we've all the steam we can safely carry now.'

"Are you sure it won't bear any more?" she asked anxiously.

"I shook my head.

"I'm afraid not," I said.

"But it is possible it may?" she asked again.

"Yes, possible, but not probable," I answered.

"She asked the question in a calm, even voice, and I think I answered in the same tone, for now that the danger I had feared was really upon us, I seemed to have lost all fear, and I watched the line of smoke nearing us so fast with a sort of vague wondering as to what the engineer of the other train would do when he saw us coming, too late to save his. I was roused from this sort of stupor into which I seemed in danger of falling, by seeing the girl reach for the oil-can. I shook my head.

"It won't do," I said. 'It might be death.'

"But," she said, 'it is death if I don't.'

"I nodded, and, without a word, she poured the remainder of the oil upon the wood, and threw it into the fire. We were close to the station now, and I could see people running across the platform, and hear the women scream as they saw our danger; for right in front of us was the extra, so near that it seemed as if nothing but a miracle could save us. I looked at Miss Lord. With that last effort her strength seemed to leave her, and she sank upon the

seat, covering her face with her hands, waiting for the death that seemed so near.

"There was a moment of awful suspense, and then we were safe upon the side track, just as the extra train went thundering by, so near that scarcely an inch separated the engine for the hindmost car. The breaks were put on, and the long line of cars came to a stand-still just beyond the station, and then slowly ran back to where the crowd of alarmed and curious men stood watching us. At the shrill sound of the escaping steam, Miss Lord raised her head, and looked anxiously around, then, seeming to realize that we were safe, she tried to say something, and the words died away in a murmur, and the next moment she fell on the floor of the cab like a dead woman. But before I could call anyone to help her, for I was pretty well shaken myself, one of the directors, who was on the train, came along in a fearful passion. He wanted to know what I meant by running the risk that I done.

"Haven't you any brains? and don't you care any more for human life than a donkey?" he blustered.

"I handed him the telegram I had received at A—, and which, fortunately for myself, I had put into my pocket and then I pointed to the floor of the cab, where Jim lay in a drunken sleep, and Miss Lord in a faint, and I told the story as well as I could. I tell you there was pretty lively times there for a few minutes. The passengers found out that something was the matter, and they came pouring out of the cars, and crowded round the engine, and I had to tell my story over and over. Well, some of the men carried Jim off to the station and dumped him down on the floor, and Miss Lord was taken into one of the drawing-room cars and fussed over as though she was one of the greatest ladies in the land, and before she came to herself enough to sit up, there was a purse made up for her of more dollars than she had ever had in her life, and that wasn't all, for Rundles—the director that was aboard the train—found that she knew something of telegraphy, and put her in the office at C—for awhile, and gave her a steady job. So you see it wasn't a bad ride for her after all."

"But what became of her?" I asked.

"Oh, bless you, no, sir. She did what most women do, sooner or later—got married."

"Well," said I, "such a woman deserved a good husband; I hope she got one."

"Well, I don't know; pretty middling, I guess," and then he nodded with a laugh. "She seems to be satisfied, so I suppose there's no occasion for anyone else to find fault."

Just then there was a whistle, and the train came into view, and putting his pipe in his pocket, the engineer made ready for his homeward trip, saying, with a sly smile, as he sprang on the engine and said good-bye.

"If ever you come to Concord I shall be glad to see you, and you can ask my wife what she thinks of the husband Miss Lord got."—*Ballou's Magazine.*

GOTHAM GOSSIP.

NEW YORK, August 24, 1883.

Oscar Wilde has returned to us for a brief period in which to superintend the production of the new play "Vera," but alas his fair long hair is gone. He looks like a typical German professor now, who would never think of getting his ambrosial locks cut, did not his faithful spouse perform that kindly office for him now and then. Of course he has no doubt but what his play will succeed, and from what I have been told of its plot and incidents, there is no reason why it should fail, particularly as its lines will be ably interpreted by Marie Prescott and a first-class company. After all, bizarre and foolish as Wilde is, he is at the same time a man of fine poetic feelings, and possess a skill of expression and a richness of diction which few of our American playwrights possess. Take all of our living dramatic writers. Remove beyond their reach existing French models, or rather materials, and outside of a knack of writing a production which satisfies every requisite for scenic display, and you will find that there is very little flesh and blood left. Hence I see no reason why Vera should not appeal to our humanity and our intelligence. The play is to be brought out with fine effects on the stage, as Oscar himself will superintend the details.

Oscar by-the-way has given up his

crusade in behalf of knee-breeches, finding that it was no use to persevere. This reminds me of the fact that in the line of men's apparel there are to be some pronounced chances this Fall and Winter. Trousers which have been so tight as to make it almost impossible to sit, or when sitting on a low chair, to rise again, will be widened about and above the knee considerably, and from below the knee to the foot, where they will taper. In fact they will very much resemble the riding breeches heavy weight riders in England prefer, loose and comfortable about the thighs, and snug and tight about the calf. Vests will again be worn with a little collar, while coats of all kinds will button up even higher than before. Quite a favorite dress this summer was the imitation of an English Shooting Jacket introduced by an enterprising tailor. It was in the shape of a blouse, and four rows of pleats in front and the same behind, and was provided with a belt and buckle. It looked well on good figures. Dudes could not afford to wear it, because it exposed their emptiness. It will be worn a great deal this fall, made of heavyish cassimeres and rough woolen goods.

The ups and downs of life on the turf are seldom so well depicted as in the career of Leonatus, the unbeaten three-year-old crack of the year. This colt was purchased last year by Messrs. Chinn & Morgan for \$5,000. The colt began his career at Lexington, in the Spring, where he won the Blue Ribbon Stakes. He followed this up by winning the Kentucky Derby, at Louisville, the chief Spring event. His career there was an unbroken series of victories all achieved with the greatest ease. He was brought on here a few days ago, to capture the rich Omnibus Stakes which is to be run at Monmouth Park next Saturday. On the day of his arrival Freddie Gebhard offered his owners \$25,000 for him, which was declined. Mr. Walton, the Plunger, that same afternoon offered \$35,000 which was also declined. As late as the week before last Commodore Kittson offered \$50,000 for him and was induced only at the last moment to back out by a rumor that the colt had shown a trifle lameness in his work. On Friday morning the colt broke down, and thus in one moment was \$50,000 worth of horseflesh reduced to scarcely one twentieth in value, while the \$7,000 which the stakes was worth, and which the colt could scarcely have lost, disappeared.

There is a superstition among turfmen that it is bad luck to refuse a fair price for a race horse, since something invariably happens to him shortly after when Mr. Pierre Lorillard offered the Dwyers a fancy price for Luke Blackburn, perhaps the best and certainly the gamest race horse we have had in this country in the last ten years, the horse broke down the next Spring. Leonatus breaks down the week after he was priced at \$50,000. Barnes the crack of the famous Dwyer Brothers, is next on the list. Mr. Walton before going to England offered the Dwyers \$30,000 and the value of every stake in which the colt is engaged, which would bring his price up to about \$55,000 but the Dwyers refused. Believers in signs and potents are now awaiting developments.

Barbara Fritch's True Story.

It was to her own troops that Barbara waved the flag, inspiring them on a march that involved some of the most intense suffering of the war. The days were oppressive, the roads sunny and full of dust, and any moment might bring the contending forces face to face. It was the day before the South Mountain battle. South Mountain lies twelve miles west of Frederick, and to this point General Reno, under Burnside, was pressing when he passed Dame Barbara's door.

"They were passing all day," Mrs. H., went on to say, "but in the morning I said to my daughter, Julia, there are so many soldiers around, go across the bridge and bring Aunt over; she is alone and may feel afraid."

"And did you bring her back?" said I.

"Oh, no," laughed Julia, "Aunt was standing at the window, nodding and smiling to the troops, who were gathered all about her, and when I came she said, 'Child, hand me my flag, you'll find it in my Bible!'"

In between the pages that Barbara read daily the "silken scarf" was folded, a little flag of twisted silk, not two feet long. It was not on a staff,

so Barbara waved it like a handkerchief. The throng increased, the men would not move on, but breaking ranks were crowding around her with, "Why mother, how are you?" "Hurrah for 76!" "Let's shake hands, grandmother," etc. At this moment General Reno came up at the head of his brigade the picture met his eye; the crowded artillery, the banners, horses, swords, muskets and men, and in the midst, the veritable "old gray head," with its smooth white cap, the folded muslin over the breast, now beating with young heart throbs, the bent figure in the black gown. He reined his horse before her. "And how old is grandmother?" he said. Some one replied, "Ninety-Six." "Ninety-Six! Halt! Three cheers for the loyal old grandmother! A shout went up that had some sound in it; the General dismounted, entered the little house with one of his aids, shook hands with Barbara, was seated, and in a few minutes the old lady was pouring him out a glass of wine of her own making. Good-by was spoken and the troops passed on; but nearly all that day the aged figure could be seen cheering the passing soldiers by her enthusiasm. The next day came the word, "A flower on the Union side has fallen. The brave Reno, respected by both sides alike, was killed at South Mountain, in an engagement whose details of fierce contest will never be fully known."

"The next day," Mrs. H.—continued, "we were over to Aunt's and went into the garden to attend to the flowers, charging her not to open the door if any one rapped while we were down there, for the town was full of strangers. When we returned to the parlor, she met us quivering with excitement. 'I couldn't help it, he would have it. I didn't want to give it, but he was a gentleman,' said she, 'he had things on his shoulders and wore a gold watch and chain. It was hard to draw from the old lady that she had responded at once to the tap upon the door. Then an officer entered and pleaded so persistently for the little cotton flag she had then about her, that the old woman gave away. 'He would have it, but it wasn't the one,' she said appealingly."

In passing to and fro from her house to her niece's Barbara would often find her steps thronged by soldiers, for a clear spring bubbled up just opposite her house, by the creek, refreshing many, both of the blue and the gray; if it chanced to be her "own soldiers" her tumblers and dipper were freely given, but if it happened that an array of gray uniforms were there, her staff would stir in among them as though they were dead leaves, and they would scatter in every direction, amused at the way she addressed them in language not at all distinguished by superfluous rhetorical finish.

Love in the Depot.

A woman arrived here yesterday forenoon from the East with seven children in tow, and at almost the same hour a man reached the same depot from the North with five offspring of various ages and sizes. She was a widow and he a widower, and the children had not been spanked more than once around before there was a sort of mutual sympathy that begot admiration and their friendship. One of the widow's boys offered one of the widower's girls a bite of his fried cake, which was accepted in the spirit tendered, and a ten-year girl belonging to the man made up to the two-year-old belonging to the woman and soon secured the privilege of wiping its nose and combing its hair. Presently the widower made bold to inquire:

"Madam, am I wrong in believing that you are a widow?"

"I have been a widow fourteen months to-day," she answered.

"Great Scots! but it's just fourteen months to-day since my Hanner died! Which way be you going?"

"To Illanoy."

"That's just where I am going, too. Did you promise your husband never to marry again?"

"No."

"And I didn't promise my wife either. Fact is, I believe I shall unite as soon as I find some good woman."

"And my children need a father's care," she sighed as she pulled little John Henry off the window sill and bumped him into a seat.

The man got up and walked around the waiting-room and took a closer look at the children. Then he returned and said:

"I suppose you've got a few hundred dollars, belong to some church, can wash and bake and mend, and here of a mild and forgiving disposition?"

Then he bent over and whispered something about Chicago and getting married, and she nodded her head. He gathered the children under his wing, took them into a corner and solemnly and impressively observed:

"Children, going to get married to that woman over there and give you a new mother. If any of you is going to kick and boo-hoo about it, begin now, so that I can tune you down before the train goes. Henry, you are the oldest. Are you going to declare you'll run away or commit suicide? Let me know right now, for this is a good cool place to prance you around with a shingle."

Henry said he guessed it would be all right, and the rest of the crowd seemed to agree, and ten minutes later the widower and widow sat holding hands and trying to eat peanuts, and the twelve children were biting and pulling hair and kicking to see who should have a seat on the steam-heater.

"This is kinder the work of Heaven!" chuckled the widower as he hitched a little nearer.

"You bet, love!" she replied, as she slugged another peanut with her teeth.

Trichinae.

This word—the plural of trichinae has its accent on the second syllable. It is from a Greek word meaning "hair" and is the name of the hair-like worms sometimes found in the human muscles.

The word "spiralis" is generally attached to it, and refers to the manner in which the parasite lies curled up in its tiny capsule.

When fully grown, it would take eighteen of the males, placed end to end, to make an inch. The disease to which they give rise—at first often mistaken for muscular rheumatism—is called trichiniasis, sometimes trichiniasis.

It was not until 1835 that the parasite was found in man. During the next twenty-five years it was proved that there was a connection between the disease in man and that of a hog; and in 1867 the parasite was found in the muscles of the latter. Whence the hog derived it is an unsettled question.

As long as the hog lives the parasite remains dormant in the animal, like the chrysalis of the butterfly. But when the hog's flesh is eaten, the tiny capsules then are dissolved by the digestive juices, and trichinae are set free.

A single meal may introduce many thousands of them—over a million say one writer—into the stomach. Thus introduced they live from five to six weeks in the intestines, each one producing meanwhile a brood of at least one thousand five hundred. The latter soon migrate toward the muscles, following the course of the blood-vessels and nerves, and reaching their goal about the tenth day.

Here, in five or six months, they pass into a sort of chrysalis condition, to be freed from it only by the gastric juices of some other being. Similar migrations may follow, wave after wave. More or less, however, are swept out of the intestines, possibly to find their way back to their ancestral home in the swine.

The trichinae have been found in every land. They have also been detected in the cat, dog, rabbit, rat, mouse, marmot, the wild hog of Europe, and even in the hippopotamus.—*Youth's Companion.*

The Small Boy on Errands.

Where is the small boy going? The small boy is going on an errand. How do you know that the small boy is going on an errand? Because the small boy is in such a hurry.

How can you tell that the small boy is in hurry? I can tell you by the thoroughness with which he examines everything about him.

Is this very exhausting? Excitingly; you see that he has to sit down and rest before he has half completed his survey.

But what is the small boy doing now? In order to get to his destination the quicker, he has jumped upon a passing wagon.

But the wagon is going in the direction from which he came. It makes no difference. All roads lead to Rome, you know, and all directions are the same to the small boy. The only directions he is careless of are those which were given him when he started on his errand.

What is the small boy doing now? The small boy is now playing marbles with another small boy.

Then he has forgotten his errand? Oh, no; he is only exercising his memory. He is trying to see how long he can remember his errand amidst distracting circumstances.

Will the small boy ever get to his destination? He will if he keeps on in the direction in which he is now crawling.

How soon do you think? I can't say; but I once heard of a man who went 'round the world in 80 days.—*Boston Transcript.*

Providence Independent.

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY. COLLEGEVILLE, MONTG. CO., PA. E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor. Thursday, August 23, 1883.

"We the people" have great power, but the power wits when it butts against our great reform Legislature.

COOPER and Hensel, the rival field marshals, have formally opened the State campaign, and each have predicted, positively, the success of his party.

Bismarck, the great mogul of Germany, is still on the war-path against the American hog. He might well be engaged in a nobler cause.

THE Pennsylvania Legislature ought to be at least in readiness to attend the funeral obsequies of the last rose of summer.

LAST Saturday evening, twenty-seven propellers and schooners, carrying 1,500,000 bushels of grain, mostly corn and wheat, left the port at Chicago, bound for various ports on Lakes Erie and Huron. This was the largest shipment ever made from the port.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR has encountered the criticism of Schuyler Colfax. In his opinion the President was much to blame because he had not pardoned Sergeant Mason for his attempt to kill the assassin Guiteau. Continued criticism of this kind will do much towards making Arthur his own successor.

TEXAS and Arkansas preachers have been figuring to an unusual extent this summer in deadly assaults, either at one end of the pistol or the other. Sometimes they have shot people and sometimes have been shot themselves. This is a bad year for some Texas and Arkansas ministers.

THE extra session of our great reform Legislature has already cost the State \$231,000. The only work accomplished for the amount, so far, is the passage of a Judicial apportionment that unnecessarily increases the cost of the administration of justice in the State. The word reform should be only whispered hereafter.

THE ticket placed in the field by the Democracy of Montgomery at Norristown, on Tuesday, is not the strongest that could have been framed from the material at hand. The opposite party will no doubt endeavor to make the most of its opportunities. The democratic leaders, however, are sanguine of success, this fall.

SUNSET Cox, of New York, in a recent interview, expressed the opinion that he would have sixty-eight votes for Speaker of the House, and Mr. Randall thirty-four or just half his own support. There is evidently a good deal of the "red headed and hopeful" about Cox, and Tom Cooper ought to keep an eye on him. It is hardly necessary to remark that Randall will be the next Speaker.

THE telegraph strike is ended. While the companies are successful in the trial of endurance it is believed that the operators will nevertheless gain the advantage of better wages and less severity in their hours of labor. One of the results demonstrated by the strike is that there are too many telegraph operators in the country. The strong competition among the operators to obtain employment decided in a great measure the question of the strike.

TO THOSE who believe that the more money a country can accumulate for the products it has to sell the richer it becomes the results of the past year's trade with foreign nations will be reassuring. The figures, which are supposed not to lie, show our exports to have been \$823,865,819 and the imports \$728,122,660, leaving a balance to the credit side of the American ledger of \$106,683,159, which was paid in gold or returned American securities held abroad. Of this enormous export trade only about eighteen per cent. was for articles of American manufacture, the balance being raw materials, mostly agricultural products of course. It would seem to be about time for American economists to begin to grapple in dead earnest with the question of securing foreign markets for American manufactures as well as American wheat and cotton. In many branches of American manufactures it is evident the extreme limit is reached if only the home market is to be depended on. A good foreign market for manufactured products would help largely to increase the annual cash balance in favor of American trade.—Philadelphia Times.

THE Bureau of Statistics, at Washington, shows the total number of immigrants to this country during July to have been 46,220, as against 65,010 for the same period during 1882. Germany furnishes the highest number, 13,203, England and Wales comes next,

with 7,574; Ireland stands third in the list, with 5,288, Canada fourth, with 3,388, Sweden fifth, with 3,253, and Norway sixth, with 2,443. The remainder is made up of nearly all the nationalities of Europe, in numbers ranging from 1,950 Scotchmen to 169 Poles. The only countries from which there appears an increase over last year are England, Scotland and Wales. All the others show a decrease. It is evident that the highest tide of immigration was reached last year.

THE Board of Viewers in the matter of making the DeKalb street bridge, at Norristown, free, on Thursday unanimously decided in favor of a free bridge, assessing the damages at \$48,306. The jury was composed of gentlemen of much more than average ability and it is to be presumed that they performed their duty consistently with the facts and evidence produced by both sides. The verdict of the Board of Viewers will be formally presented at the September term of court, and it is to be hoped that it will not be set aside.

PENNSYLVANIA has lost her most distinguished son. Jeremiah S. Black died at his residence, near York, this State, early Monday morning, aged 73 years. Judge Black was a genius, a profound lawyer, and his eminent abilities were recognized and revered throughout the length and breadth of the country. Indifferent to the popularity of the moment, his concern was for the performance of his professional duties, and for the defence of principles, political and religious, which he had adopted as truth. A native of Pennsylvania, the life of this great man was mainly passed in this State. In 1851 he became Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and he was again elected to the office in 1854. When Buchanan became President, he was appointed Attorney-General of the United States; and when General Cass resigned from the Cabinet in December, 1860, Judge Black succeeded him as Secretary of State, and filled that post until the succession of Lincoln. During that part of the administration of Buchanan, when the agitations which finally culminated in the civil war had already assumed the most stormy character, Judge Black, along with Dix, Stanton, and Holt, stood firmly as a defender of the Union. While his ardent feelings and convictions always rendered him a partisan, his cordial sympathies often made him the personal friend of those whose public position he felt himself bound to assail.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 20, 1883. The upper corridors of the north end of the Treasury building are still crowded with a miscellaneous mass of packages of revenue check stamps received for cancellation in consequence of the change in the revenue laws, doing away with these stamps. They come in all sorts of shapes; in soap boxes, in kegs, in paper bags and in canvas. The work of cancellation is carried on by thirty lady clerks, each provided with a self-inking hand-stamp. They cancel the stamps at the rate of over \$2,200 each per day, making a total of 100,000 stamps canceled every day. Up to date the number of stamps canceled aggregates about 4,800,000. The last date for the reception of these stamps to be returned was August 1st, and up to that time 4,800 packages had been received. At the above rate it would seem that the work would soon be done, and yet each day's work makes but a very small hole in the crowded corridors. Speaking of stamps we shall in a short time—October 1—be done with three cent postage stamps and a handsome new two cent for sealed letters is nearly ready. The new postal check for remitting fractional amounts by mail will go into use about the same time.

The millions of people who have for some half a century been delighted with the sight of the identical buff coat and doeskin breeches that the father of his country wore when he resigned his commission at Annapolis, will learn with profound regret that they, with the other Washington relics, have been transferred from the Patent Office, where they were accessible to everybody, over to the practically forbidden precincts of the National Museum. The removal of these sacred mementoes to the place named is one of those official and officious blunders that our public custodians are continually making. While everybody who visits Washington never thinks of leaving it without going through the model room of the Patent Office, nobody, comparatively has regard enough for the Smithsonian Institution to either walk over there or invest a nickel with the car conductor. Besides, any one who has visited this ornithological and piscatorial institution cannot but remember how impossible it is for the stranger to withstand the cajoling of the urbane gentleman at the door, whose every smile is a magnet that draws your last bizzard dollar from its resting place in exchange for an execrably written book upon birds and how to stuff them, which suggests no improvement upon the way our mothers performed the operation at the Christmases of forty years ago.

By the way, the interest in these relics should be enhanced, owing to the discovery in some forgotten corner of the Capitol of another lot which were unearthed and added to the Patent Office array. These last, and they promise to be as endless as Mr. Wash-

ington's body servants, include the identical easy chair in which the General reclined only a few minutes before his demise. Then there is the field glass, and the candlesticks, and the cake-baskets, and the box, made from a solid block of mahogany, in which the General kept his silverware, which, judging from the size of the box, could not have afforded a very strong temptation, even to the burglars of that period, when silver was silver and worth appropriating when there was enough of it. A marble-top table which marbled tops over anything that we have now, and the identical guitar with the E string broken just exactly as Nellie Custis broke it with her dainty but unlearned fingers, form a brace of quaintly curious memorials of the revered family. The famous hatchet, however, has not yet turned up, nor have all the crypts and vestibules and coal-holes in the Capitol been thoroughly searched. We will not despair. That hatchet will be here in due course of time, with "G. W." engraved on the handle just as nobody but G. W. could have done it, and that too, with a borrowed jack-knife. The possession of this instrument by right of natural heredity will lie between Tom Ochiltree, of Texas, and Eli Perkins, the champion cherry-tree harkers of the universe. If the official gentlemen who have these sacred relics in charge will take it kindly, we would suggest that the rotunda of the Capitol be by all odds the best, the most appropriate, and the most accessible of all other places in Washington for the display of these articles, if room in the Patent office is not to be obtained. The place is no proof against fire as any other, and is guarded by salaried watchmen both by day and by night.

There is little prospect that the hearing lately given to the striking-telegraphers by the Senate committee on equalization of labor will effect any marked result. Probably the greatest and most important question to which the mind of man could be directed—if we exceed such questions as relate to the soul and its eternal interest—is the subject to which this committee is applying itself. "The annual relations of capital and labor," is a subject so vast and involving so many and such conflicting interests, that no mind has ever mastered it. If this committee could suggest a plan for the equitable adjustment of those relations, and if that plan could be adopted, the world would be the committee's debtor for a greater and better work than any human reformer has ever wrought. Of course the system would include a new plan of governmental and social organization, and a new method of defraying public expenditures. It would revolutionize about all existing things, and it would bring us right up to the threshold of the millennium. It is not likely, however, that Mr. Blair and his associates hope for all this; they are doubtless trying to get a few facts on which to base legislation intended to improve, to some extent, the relations of capital and labor. The object is a good one, but there is no hope of any great reform while capital virtually dictates all the legislation of the country, as it must do until the leading legislators cease to be the retained attorneys of the great corporations. Spot.

Montgomery County Bills.

During the regular session of the Pennsylvania Legislature the following bills were introduced in the Lower House by the Montgomery county Representatives and are laws: An Act to authorize the corporate authorities of Boroughs to lay side walks along turnpike roads, introduced by Representative Yerkes, of Hatboro. An Act empowering the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery county to appoint Trustees of the Brighthurst estate, introduced by Representative Davis, of Pottstown. An Act authorizing Boroughs not incorporated under the general Borough law, to extend their boundary lines, introduced by Representative Harrar, of Whitpain township, and especially desired by the Borough of Pottstown. An Act authorizing the refunding of excessive license tax paid under a mistake of the Auditor General, introduced by Representative Dannehower, and applying to the counties of Montgomery, Schuylkill and Lebanon.

All of the above were passed through the Senate successfully. The following were introduced into the Senate by Hon. W. Henry Sutton: An Act to abolish the office of sealer of weights and measures. An Act making it a misdemeanor to use false beams, scales, weights and measures. An Act authorizing the owner of mortgaged premises when the owners of the mortgages cannot be found, to pay the mortgage money into court. An Act relating to the computation time under state orders and decrees of Court and under the by-laws of Corporations.

Interesting Paragraphs.

In Virginia they are making flour of peanuts, and it is praised. It is customary in Georgia to pound the nuts for a pastry. At Battle Creek a woman stole a watch from her employer, and while her premises were being searched, slipped the watch into his pocket, and then had him arrested for slander. The Rev. A. P. Happer, D. D., figures out a steady decrease in the population of China. He says the present number of inhabitants cannot exceed 300,000,000. Chief among the causes of the diminution is opium. He believes that the population of India will soon exceed that of China, the most populous country on the globe. "What'll poor mother do?" were the only words muttered by a Boston newsboy after being mortally wounded by a railroad train. A passenger had offered him half a dollar for a certain paper, and he was trying to hastily get it at a station when the accident occurred. A writer to a London newspaper says that, after spending months among the

poor of the city, he has come to the conclusion that large numbers of them have a hatred and ferocity toward wealth and aristocracy which could not be surpassed by any Russian Nihilist or French Communist.

A peddler tried to coax a Michigan farmer's wife into buying some of his wares by putting her under the chin and saying that she was a nice little woman. Her husband soon returned, and she told him. With a friend he overtook the peddler, whipped him, threw his pack over a fence, took him back to the house, whipped him again, then tried him before a mock court, and fined him three dollars, which he paid. His retaliation is a suit for damages.

The following is said to be a sure cure for bowel disorders, and is highly recommended by newspapers as a certain cure for cholera: Make equal parts of rhubarb, essence of peppermint and spirits of camphor. Mix well. Dose, fifteen to thirty drops in a wine glass of water, according to age and violence of attack. Repeat every fifteen or twenty minutes until relief is obtained.

A superintendent of a thread manufactory in Massachusetts explained to a visitor the good things done by the company for its 1,600 operatives. He showed the neat cottages, the pretty gardens, the library, the drawing room, and the picnic grove. Having done this, he gave the reason why the company took so much trouble to promote the happiness and self-respect of 1,600 human beings. He said: They feel a pride in their belongings, an interest in us, and make better thread."

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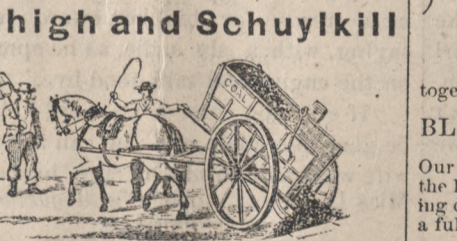
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Table with columns for routes (Philadelphia and Pottsville, Allentown and Pottsville North and West, etc.) and times for various services.

All communications, business or otherwise, transmitted to us through the mails, to receive immediate attention, must be directed to Collegewille, P. O., hereafter.

Anthony Poley, builder and contractor, Trappe, is at present engaged in improving his premises by erecting a carpenter shop and stable.

The school board of the Independent School District advertise in another column for proposals for the collection of the school tax for the current year.

J. Dorworth, of the Lamb Hotel, Trappe, has leased the Spring City house with stables, good will and fixtures from William Lukens.

The Sunday School connected with Wentz's church will hold its annual celebration in the grove of Issac Hall, man, west of Skippackville, on Saturday, the 1st of September.

Mrs. Underkoffler and Miss Annie Halleman, daughter of Squire Halleman, deceased, formerly of Trappe, now of Philadelphia, are in town visiting the family of Edward W. David.

The Republican Standing Committee met at their rooms Tuesday and decided that the delegate elections should be held on Saturday evening, the 8th of September, and the Convention on Tuesday, the 11th of September.

A new counterfeit \$5 gold piece has been submitted to the United States officials for inspection which contains \$4.63 worth of gold.

On Saturday last, the Jacksonville, Fagleyville, and Swamp Sunday Schools, held their annual joint celebration in Snyder's grove, near Gilbertsville.

The new boot and shoe, and gents' furnishing store next door to the post office, this place, was opened on Saturday. The stock comprises excellent goods and those in need of good boots or shoes ought to visit the new store, Joseph Gottschall, manager.

The State Camp P. O. S. of A. was in session at Hazelton, Pa., last week. H. Alvan Hunsicker, in place of his father, H. A. Hunsicker, represented Camp No. 267, this place.

L. H. Ingram, this place, will leave Saturday morning for Gettysburg to attend the annual re-union of the Pennsylvania volunteers, and will be absent from his place of business until August 30.

There is no purifier like fresh air; and the whole house, every room in it, whether it has been used or not, should be opened every day.

The Printing Committee of the Free Bridge Association distributed about a thousand circulars Tuesday, among the delegates to the Democratic Convention and others, setting forth their views upon the question, and controverting the remonstrance circular sent out by the Bridge Company on the part of the stockholders.

Mrs. Caroline Albertson, who has been matron at the hospital for the insane at Norrisstown since the opening of the institution, has tendered her resignation, to take effect September 1.

Died.

On Thursday last, Jonas Derr, died at his residence, near Trappe, aged 74 years. He was taken suddenly ill during Saturday night previous.

After Forty Years.

Hon. S. D. Dewees, of New Orleans, is visiting his relatives at Trappe. He is a brother to Mrs. Lewis, and an uncle to ex-Senator Lewis Royer, and Dr. J. W. Royer.

Base Ball.

On Tuesday the Perkiomen club, this place, engaged in a contest with the Empire club, Pottstown, on the grounds of the latter.

One day last week a transient boarder at Prospect Terrace hired a horse of Abram Grater, this place, to drive to Phoenixville.

On Saturday afternoon the Perkiomen nine will play with a Roxborough club, at this place.

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and the sheds as well as a barn opposite were for a time in great danger. The damage to the buildings amount to not less than \$2000; which is only partly insured in the Montgomery Fire Insurance Company.

Stock Sales.

Fair prices were realized at Allebach's sale at Perkiomen Bridge on Monday. Another sale next Monday afternoon.

To-morrow afternoon (Friday), Ezra Diener will sell another fine lot of Indiana cows, at Frederick's hotel, Trappe.

Democracy in Convention.

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Home Flashes and Stray Sparks From Abroad.

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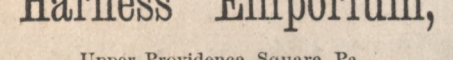
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Agriculture and Science.

Edited by J. K. HARLEY.

WALKING HORSES.—The breeding of good horses for farm work, is of as much importance as the breeding of fast trotters, or of good coach horses. And in the case of farm horses, as is that of the trotters, as much depends upon the training as upon the breeding of the animal. Defects in breeding cannot, it is true, be remedied in the training, but the best bred horse in the world may be spoiled in the training, either for the turf or for the farm.

Probably the matter of the greatest importance in the training of a colt for farm work is a rapid gait at the walk, and is one of the most neglected. Colts are usually broken to trot, not to walk, and in their walking gait they are left to follow their own inclination; yet nearly all the work on the farm is performed at that gait. Breeding, of course, has its effect on this as on any other gait, but probably nine of every ten horses used on the farm, by judicious training, may have been taught, when colts, to walk a more rapid pace. The question is of more importance than it looks to be at the first glance. An improvement of 10 per cent. in the speed of a team at the walk, when the time of the team and driver are reckoned for the day, the week and the year, amounts to a very handsome sum at the end of 365 days, and very often this sum would, had it been saved to the farmer, have covered the margin between an actual loss which he has sustained and an actual gain which he might have realized on this year's operations. Careful calculation and study will pay as well on the farm as in the business house.

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It costs something, we know, to raise hogs and prepare them for the market; but a hog for pork should never be kept over more than one winter, no matter when it comes; and if a farmer is well prepared to take care of hogs, the outlay is not much. No one ought to go into hog-raising extensively unless he is well prepared. He ought to study the business just as a merchant does his. He should consider all the details of feed, water, shelter, marketing, and everything connected with it, and then arrange for successful work. This is not the place to speak of what is necessary to successful hog raising. We are writing only of the value of the animals as compared with other animals.

Pork always meets ready sale. As long as men work out-doors at manual labor, and at heavy work anywhere, that long will be in demand for food. The quantity produced and the quantity consumed increases from year to year. The export of pork from this country is greater in value than all the other meats combined, with live animals added.

Hogs require less room on a farm than do other animals, and while their care needs to be as good, it can be afforded at less expense and with less inconvenience. They will use as food profitably many things that other animals will not touch. All this would be practically wasted if the hogs did not eat or drink it. Aside from the little grain feed needed for finishing the fattening process, and for assisting it in the earlier stages, the food for hogs does not cost much. When one considers the kinds and value of feed well suited to the growth and fattening of swine, it is surprising how little is really required. Here in Kansas, where grass, and corn, and all kinds of succulent food is so easily and abundantly raised, hogs ought not to cost much. But even, if they did, the same causes would make the keeping of other stock proportionately expensive.

SEVEN-YEAR OLD HORSES.—An old farmer once said: "What a year it must have been for colts seven years ago this spring." Any person who has never attempted to buy a horse can appreciate the remark, but if he will let it be known that he wants to buy a good horse, he will be struck with the circumstance that all the horses that are of any particular account were born seven years ago. Occasionally there is one that is six years old, but they are not plenty. Now, those of us who lived around here seven years ago did not have our attention called to the fact that the country was flooded with colts. There were very few twin colts, and it was seldom that a mother had a half dozen colts following her. Farmers and stock-raised did not go around worrying about what they were going to do with so many colts. The papers, if we recollect right, were not filled with accounts of the extraordinary number of colts born. And yet it must have been a terrible year for colts, because there are only six horses in Milwaukee that are over six years old, but one of them was found to have been pretty well along in years when he worked in Barnum's brick-yard in 1863, and finally the owner owned up that he was mistaken twenty-six years. What a mortality there must have been among horses that would have now been eight, nine, or ten years old! There are none of them left. And a year from now, when our present stock of horses would naturally be eight years old, they will all be dead, and a lot of seven-year-old horses will take their place. It is singular, but it is

true. That is, it is true unless horse-dealers lie, and we would be slow to charge so grave a crime upon a useful and enterprising class of citizens. No, it cannot be, and yet doesn't it seem peculiar that all the horses in this broad land are seven years old this spring? We leave the subject for the youth of the land to ponder over. It bears up. U. S. Veterinary Journal.

USES OF THE POTATO.—In France the farina is largely used for culinary purposes. The famous gravies, sauces and soups of France are largely indebted for their excellence to that source, and the bread and pastry equally so, while a large quantity of the so-called cognac imported into England and America from France is distilled from the potato. Throughout Germany the same uses are common. In Poland the manufacture of spirits from the potato is a most extensive trade. "Stettin brandy," well known in commerce, is largely imported into England, and is sent from thence to many of the British possessions as the produce of the grape, and is placed on many a table of England as such, while the fair ladies of America perfume themselves with the spirits of the potato under the designation of eau de cologne. But there are other uses to which it is applied. After extracting into ornamental articles, such as picture frames, snuff boxes, and several descriptions of toys, and the water which runs from it in the process of manufacture is a most valuable source.

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