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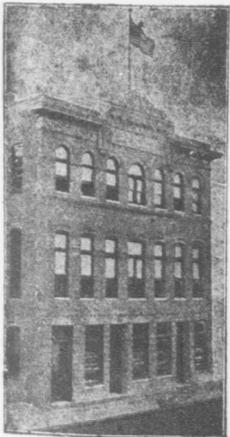
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Township Has Only Ten Residents.
Lebanon, Pa.—Cold Spring township, the largest in area in Lebanon county, has had but one birth in the last four years, a child having been born to Mr. and Mrs. George Boltz. The population of the township now numbers ten, five of the residents being voters. The township also boasts of the oldest resident in the county, Mrs. Phreany Ray, who will celebrate her one hundredth anniversary next month.

SWELLS THE SHEEP'S HEADS.
Peculiar Disease in South Africa Decimates the Flocks.
London.—South Africa, which is noted for its curious animal and human diseases, has none more curious than the trouble affecting Merino and African sheep and Angora goats in which the heads and ears of the animals swell to grotesque size, finally resulting in the death of the animal. This disease, the exact nature of which or its cause is not recognized, is known chiefly by its Dutch name, "geel dukkop," which translated means yellow thickhead.
The trouble usually appears in herds which have been grazing on low land and is particularly prevalent after a heavy rainfall, though what relation this may have to the disease is a mystery. The head and ears assume a dropsical condition, growing to enormous size, and if no treatment is adopted the swollen parts become dry, shrivel up and crack. This swollen condition is accompanied by a general condition of jaundice.
Postmortem examinations disclose, in addition to the general jaundiced condition, an abnormal condition of some of the vital organs, as the liver, spleen, etc. The average mortality is 40 per cent.

CITY OVERSTOCKED WITH CASH.
Money in Treasury is Becoming a Veritable Drug.
Crystal Falls, Mich.—Crystal Falls is crowding over other towns in the upper peninsula, for the latter have a hard time making both ends meet and they often borrow money to tide the municipality over until the annual collections have been made.
Crystal Falls city is so loaded with money that the surplus funds are becoming a veritable nuisance and the council has decided to invest \$10,000 of the money, putting it into circulation instead of allowing it to lie idle in the hands of the treasurer.
The annual report of the treasurer showed a balance on hand of about \$13,000 over and above all outstanding orders. As the time for the collection of taxes is at hand the funds in hand will be increased very shortly by another \$10,000.
The sewer work is all paid for and the suspension of operations has eliminated the demand for money from that source until next spring. The treasurer has been instructed to place the money at interest wherever the best rate can be secured.

FRANCE HAS 200,000 HOBOES.
Army of 32,000 Rural Guards Found Insufficient to Curb Them.
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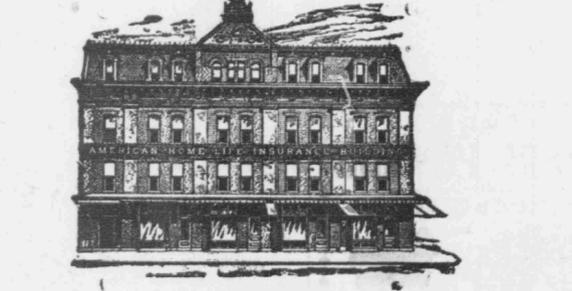
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