

# About the County

## TAYLOR NEWS.

### Ball and Supper—Receiving the New Year—Personal Notes.

The annual ball and supper of Taylorville lodge, No. 162, Knights of Pythias, which was held in Weber's rink Friday and Saturday evening, was an elaborate affair. The attendance on Friday evening was very large and on Saturday evening the rink was filled to its utmost capacity. During both evenings the attendance fully exceeded 500 people. The music for the affair was furnished by Watkins' orchestra. On each evening a prize was awarded to the best dancers. The first evening's contest was won by Miss Martha Lewis and James Mackie, who having 189 point out of a possible 190, and on Saturday evening Mrs. Mary Griffiths and T. J. Griffiths were the successful contestants. The event was a grand success. The dance contest for the \$10 gold piece was postponed until a future date. The menu that was prepared by the young ladies deserved special mention. A large number of out of town guests were present.

The year of 1898 was most auspiciously ushered out and the New Year welcomed in an elaborate manner by the Lackawanna council, No. 31, Junior Order United American Mechanics in their hall on Main street. At 8:30 o'clock the session commenced. An excellent programme was given, consisting of a musical solo, quartet, recitation, declamation and speech-making, followed by supper and refreshments. A most enjoyable time was had by all present.

Lorena, the brilliant son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Griffiths, died yesterday morning after a brief illness from diphtheria. The funeral will occur from the home this afternoon and will be private. Burial will be made in Forest Home cemetery.

The cold wave and snow storm of Saturday demoralized the street and traffic in this town and cars did not run near schedule time. The snow plough was put into service, but that did little good. The road was blocked all day yesterday, but it is hoped that traffic will be more regular today.

John Van Bergen, of South Scranton, was a caller on friends in this place Saturday evening.

Placeville lodge, No. 27, Free and Accepted Masons, will work the entire apprentices degree at its evening's meeting.

William Gilbray, of Mead, is the guest of friends in this place yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith Price, of Hyde Park, spent Sunday with relatives in this place.

Tullie W. Jones, of the first ward, announces herself as a candidate for justice of the peace, subject to the Republican caucus.

Superintendent John Connolly, of Cotan, N. C., who has been spending the past week with his family in this place, returned to resume his duties on Saturday.

Emblem division, No. 57, Sons of Temperance, will meet this evening in their rooms in Van Horn's hall.

Funeral Director John E. Davis has purchased a handsome hearse for his increasing business.

The borough schools will reopen tomorrow after a holiday vacation of two weeks.

Corporal William Watkins, of Company B, Thirtieth regiment, who has been home on a furlough, has returned to his company at Camp Mackenzie.

Camp No. 462, Patriotic Order Sons of America, elected officers for the ensuing term Friday evening.

Miss James Davis has returned to her home in Hyde Park after visiting relatives in this place.

Prof. and Mrs. M. W. Lloyd, of Priceburg, spent Sunday with the latter's mother, Mrs. Robert Edworthy, of Union street.

Miss Clara Trautler, of Doraneston, is visiting at the home of Miss Bessie Phillips, of Taylor street.

The colleagues of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company in this place will work three six hour days next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ehms, of this place, are the guests of relatives in Hyde Park.

## PRICEVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Barber on New Year's eve gave a party in honor of the latter's niece, Miss Stella Miller. The following young people were present: Miss Emma Barber, Flossie Warfield, Bessie Pugh, Fannie Pugh, Florence Taylor, Frances Squires, Reba Simpkins, Mabel Williams, Grace Ayres, Jessie Wallace, Myrtle Ritter, Mary Roberts, Mabel Glanville, Mopsis, Henry Doyle, Thomas Williams, Stanford Reese, Arthur Wayne, Albert Taylor, Frank Williams, Hoy Thayer, Garfield Thomas, George Peck.

Pride of Orient chapter, No. 7, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet in regular session Tuesday evening, Jan. 3, in their new rooms in the Old Fellows' building.

Mrs. Lydia Carpenter of Scott, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. L. Taylor.

A regular meeting of the borough council will be held at three o'clock tomorrow evening.

## OLYPHANT.

The Eureka commandery, No. 24, Knights of Malta, held a late night service in their rooms in the Sweeney block Saturday night, which was attended by a very large audience who enjoyed the fine entertainment given. During the first part of the programme an impromptu speech was delivered by Mr. Webber, of South Scranton, who was received with great applause, and was compelled to appear a few times. An intermission was taken at 10 o'clock when a lunch consisting of sandwiches, coffee and fruit was served by the members of the society.

The funeral of Mrs. Josette Miles took place from her late home on Susquehanna street yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services were conducted at the house, after which the remains were taken to a pest cemetery for interment. The funeral was attended by many friends to the family.

"I love Dick's Darling" will be produced at the Father Martin's opera house this evening by the Standard Dramatic company of Scranton.

There was no bird, only a singing. In the glory, climbing and rousing. Like a small golden cloud at even. Trembling 'twixt earth and heaven.

I saw no streamers winding, winding. Up in the dazle sunbeams and blinding. Yet round by round, in exquisite air. The song went up the stair.

—Katharine Tynan.

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## THEY WANT TO TELL

### These Grateful Women Who Have Been Helped by Mrs. Pinkham.

Women who have suffered severely and been relieved of their ills by Mrs. Pinkham's advice and medicine are constantly urging publication of their statements for the benefit of other women. Here are two such letters:

Mrs. LIZZIE BEVELLY, 258 Merrimac St., Lowell, Mass., writes:

"It affords me great pleasure to tell all suffering women of the benefit I have received from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I can hardly find words to express my gratitude for what she has done for me. My trouble was abnormal of the womb. I was under the doctor's care. Upon examination he found fifteen very large ulcers, but he failed to do me good. I took several bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, also used the Sarsaparilla Wash, and am cured. Mrs. Pinkham's medicine saved my life, and I would recommend it to all suffering women."

Mrs. AMOS THORNTON, Ellenburgh Ctr., N. Y., writes:

"I took cold at the time my baby was born, causing me to have milk legs, and was sick in bed for eight weeks. Doctors did me no good. I sorely thought I would die. I was all-crippled with falling of the womb. I could not eat, had faint spells as often as ten times a day. One day a lady came to see me and told me of the benefit she had derived from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's medicine, and advised me to try it. I did so, and had taken only half a bottle before I was able to sit in a chair. After taking three bottles I could do my own work. I am now in perfect health."

## A FLOATING STORE HOUSE.

Fresh Meat to Supply Naval Vessels for 100 Days.

From the National Provisionist.

The great meat concerns of the United States, as well as the government itself, have done some unheard of and wonderful things recently in the way of refrigeration and of feeding an army in the field, as well as a fighting navy, on a fresh meat diet. An extraordinary case may seem, a mere unusual circumstance is now transpiring in the voyage of the battleships Oregon and Iowa, which are at present beyond Bahia, Brazil, on their way to Manila. Accompanying them is the supply ship Celtic, which left New York with the fleet about three weeks ago. The Celtic is a veritable floating store house and warehouse, filled with needed supplies of every kind required by a man-of-war and its crew on a long voyage through varying climates. But the chief interest of this novel ship centers in her meat stores and refrigerating chambers.

Before leaving New York there were put into her hold 250,000 pounds of fresh frozen mutton and 250,000 pounds of vegetables. These supplies are so arranged that the battleships can at any time take from the cargo whatever meat and vegetables are needed for the mess during the long voyage to the Philippines. These stores were placed on board for the purpose of feeding the fleet's men. Such a thing is unparalleled and unheard of in naval history. And it has been left to this government and one of the greatest packing companies to store up and send with a fleet on the longest voyage of record a ship loaded with a fresh supply of meat which the officers and crew can eat, the same as on land, in any climate. She left in company with the Oregon and the Iowa, and will feed them on her route as they go.

Besides being novel in naval history, it is a most interesting feat in the meat trade. The meat was specially gotten up for this shipment. It was seen in fresh cloth, frozen in Chicago, and brought from there to New York in refrigerated cars in a frozen state. To this main-tain carcasses of beef in a frozen state during so long a freight journey is a big undertaking in itself. It is seldom attempted by the largest and best equipped companies even for a shorter distance. The cargo was loaded in a frozen state, and will be kept at a rigid temperature until it is consumed at the residue landed at Manila. Before the ships after touching at Honolulu reach their destination the store ship Celtic will have performed the most wonderful voyage in the world's history in the meat line. She will have carried in her hold, and through all climates, a cargo of frozen fresh meats over the longest voyage of a meat ship in existence. She will have demonstrated the possibilities of refrigeration and of nautical cold storage for distributing the world's surplus meats and provisions to those climates and peoples who require them. This voyage of the warships and of their floating store, the Celtic, will take more than 100 days. Heretofore a voyage of sixty days for a frozen meat ship has been regarded as a marvel in trade circles. The whole affair is one of great credit to the government at Washington and to the contractors. The possibilities in the case indicate in definite expansion for the meat and provision industries of the United States and the meat trade is under obligation to the commendable daring of our officials and of our enterprising business concerns.

## APPLE PACKING BY EXPERTS.

The Way in Which It Is Done in California.

From the San Francisco Chronicle.

Watsonville claims the biggest thing on earth in the shape of an apple-packing house. It covers an area of 21,000 superficial feet. One end of the huge shed abuts on the Southern Pacific track, while the other furnishes facilities for the rapid unloading of the capacious spring wagons specially built for this trade. With long flat beds and

strong springs, to carry 100 boxes or more filled with fruit loosely packed in the orchard.

The "plant" required in the business of apple packing is primitive and inexpensive. The shed is simply a floorless shell, spacious and lofty. In this tracks are ranged longitudinally to receive small, four-wheeled flat cars, which make easy the work of unloading the wagons and loading the cars. The rest of the ground space is traversed by pieces of scantling on which are ranged the boxes of apples, ten tiers high. Benches for boxmakers and tables fitted with iron clamps, operated by foot pressure, for gently pressing down the bottoms of the full-packed boxes ready for the hauler, constitute the equipment inside the shed. Outside are two huge V-shaped hoppers, built of lumber, into which the refuse apples are thrown, to yield up their juice for elder vinegar. A store of this vinegar, sharpening in the sun rays, fills many barrels, which bungs are stopped with wire bottles inverted.

The process of packing calls for considerable digital dexterity. In packing for the California markets one of the first things needed is to put a good face on things. So the boxmaker stands on the top of the box first, and this temporarily becomes the bottom. On this, with their brightest cheek downward, are ranged the showiest fruit of the grade that is being handled. These must be selected and fitted with not a little nicety, so as, when gently pressed, to exactly fit the area of the box, but they must not be roughly squeezed, for a few bruised apples spoil the appearance and sale of the box, and the bell-flower is especially tender. To facilitate this arranging of the fruit, the packer fits the box to a certain size, and the apples, which apple bundles were it is placed, instead of rolling about as on a level surface. When this first layer is satisfactorily adjusted subsequent tiers of the same size are added until the box is slightly overfilled. It is then passed to the next tier, which is carefully pulled on, the clamps applied so carefully as neither to rattle the fruit so loose as to rattle if the box be jarred, and the nails are driven home. In packing for export the method is quite different, each apple being wrapped in a separate paper. Another important point is the grading according to size. The trade recognizes at least three grades, three tier, four tier and five tier. This string must be rigidly adhered to and no boxes packed with mixed sizes. As a rule the largest sizes bring the highest price, although this is not invariably the case, the market for three-tier fruit being limited.

## AMERICA'S AFFLICTION.

### A Russian Traveler Who Will Go Home and Tell About It.

From the Denver Post.

S. Hanfblum, fifty years of age, blond-gray, whiskered, voluble, and all the way from St. Petersburg, Russia, is in the town of Scranton, Pa. To the surprise of a caller, who had never seen the gentleman before, Mr. Hanfblum turned out, with an expression of delight on his face, exclaiming:

"Ach, my friend! I am full with delight. You are so zshontman from Melborn, you see, I was on so high mountain, ze peak of—vat you call that? Ah! Pike, ze peak of Pike. Get es wis ze greatest pleaser I see you."

When gently told that he was mistaken he could hardly believe it.

"Es see good people? Well, set see remarkable ze resemblance."

His accent and vernacular were peculiar. Sometimes he talked like a German, sometimes like a Frenchman. His manner was wholly French.

"Yes, said," he said in answer to a question, "I am a resident of St. Petersburg, Poland, but I live in Russia, today, you see. My name is Hanfblum, but I am not. Es see only ze name vich see chairman. Doed you noissee zat name? Hanf, you see, means hemp and blum es flower. Zat es zeingy, that is, honey-dew. Zat es pretty, es set not?"

It was, and his visitor admitted it.

"I had been in America some weeks, and had noissee many tings to please me and some vich do not. Now, zat zeingy custom of eating corn, zat es most remarkable. Es set not fair me to understand. All ze time, ze bite, bite, bite, chewing ze corn. So many, too!" And Mr. Hanfblum held up both hands and arms like a pair of exclamation points.

"Es see ear from Buffalo to Neosho, zat es ear from young lady, setting in front of me atting ze gum—without stop, zink of it! All ze time! I ask: 'Vat es zat zat ze possible all eating?' I was told, 'I purchase some of ze best stuff and put beam in my mouse.' 'Es ah! I show beam in my mouse, like meddler and worm. And set see so only. I wonder zo much at ze zeingy habit, and set see me to ze habet deestackter, hayceonal—es set zo?"

The hupeachment was admitted with grief.

"And es set no es-aymedes, no cure for zeen ter-rable ring? No? Zat es set."

"Makes Her Fly.

Mrs. Green has discharged her hired girl.

"Too pretty was she?"

"Yes, indeed. Why, she heard her husband call the girl an 'angel'."

"So, of course, she has no earthly use for her."

No Doubt Appropriate.

"How did he open his address of welcome to the 'great manufacturers' convention?"

"He began by saying, 'Ladies and gentlemen of the press,' and invited them to stay."

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**Corset Covers at 5c each** made of a good quality of muslin in plain or V shape neck, and the kind that sells for 10c.

**Drawers at 39c** made with two cluster of tucks and trimmed with dainty embroidery, made as well as the highest price goods and worth 60c.

**Corset Covers at 12c** made V shape, good muslin, neatly trimmed with embroidery, splendidly made and cannot be duplicated under 22c.

**Drawers at 45c** best quality of muslin used, made with two cluster of tucks, deep cambric embroidered flounce, very dainty and well worth 75c.

**Corset Covers at 19c** made of Masonville muslin, in round or square neck, trimmed with embroidery and insertion and are actually worth 35c.

**Cambric Drawers at 55c** made with deep flounce, finely embroidered, made in the best possible manner, and actually worth 89c.

**Corset Covers at 29c** made of the best quality of muslin, made square or V neck, handsome embroidery trimming and 4 rows of tucks, worth 45c.

**Skirts at 39c** made of good quality of muslin, 4 tucks and deep flounce, also with deep flounce and lace trimmed, an elegant value at 59c.

**Corset Covers at 39c** lace trimmed, also lace and embroidery trimming, either in cambric or muslin, neatly tucked, made square or V shape, a handsome garment and worth 55c.

**Umbrella Skirts at 55c** prettily trimmed with handsome embroidery and lace, made as well as any high priced skirt and actually worth 89c.

**Corset Covers at 55c** made of fine cambric, either square or V neck, handsomely trimmed with lace and a splendid value at 85c.

**Umbrella Skirts at 79c** These are made with dust ruffle and are trimmed with the finest of embroidery and were made to sell for \$1.15.

**Chemise at 19c** lace trimmed, round neck, made full length of a good quality of muslin and a garment which should sell at 35c.

**Fine Cambric Skirts, \$1.05** a good quality of cambric, made with dust ruffle and handsomely trimmed with embroidery and a bargain at \$1.50.

**Skirt Chemise 40c** They are embroidered and lace trimmed, bottom of skirt trimmed with terehon lace; they are made of good wearing muslin and worth 65c.

**Fine Cambric Skirts, \$1.39** beautifully made with deep cluster of tucks, fine embroidered flounce and well worth \$2.25.

**Chemise at 65c** square or V shape neck, yoke of handsome embroidery, full length, splendid quality of muslin and worth 98c.

**Gowns at 39c** made with cambric ruffle, neatly trimmed with tucks and lace, and are full length and worth not less than 59c.

**Chemise at 75c** made with square neck and handsomely trimmed with fine quality of embroidery and insertion, made of the best underwear muslin, worth \$1.15.

**Gowns at 55c** These are made with V shape neck and are trimmed with fine embroidery and tucks, and are well worth 79c.

**Skirt Chemise at 89c** square neck tucked and lace trimmed, bottom of skirt trimmed with val lace, exceedingly handsome and actually worth \$1.35.

**Cambric Gowns at 75c** Empire style, made with embroidered cambric ruffle, also high and square neck, made of muslin, trimmed with embroidery and lace and some ribbon trimmed, none worth less than \$1.15.

**Drawers at 19c pair** made with hemstitched cambric ruffle, neatly made and a great value at 39c.

**Gowns at \$1.00** made with handsome embroidered sailor collar, of fine grade of muslin, full length and worth \$1.50.

**Drawers at 22c** made of nice muslin, 2 rows of tucks, embroidery trimmed, good and serviceable, and worth 40c.

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