

BIG PANTHER IN OAKLAND

HUNTERS ARE ACTIVE NIGHT AND DAY IN PURSUIT.

Doings of the Forest City Board of Trade—Great Bend's New Factory. Church's Great Boom—Canned Goods at Deposit—Remarkable Discovery of a Binghamton Physician—Paragraphs Picked Up Here and There by "Whit."

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Susquehanna, March 3.—A well-known Oakland hunter, who has had much experience in deer hunting in the wilds of Pike county, has of late been kept awake at night by the shrill cries of wildcats on the hills, and he determined to put a stop to the commotion. Coming to Susquehanna, he borrowed several dogs that had had experience in Pike county, and later secured the services of a young Oakland hunter, who had killed the champion buck near Shohola. Reaching home, he at once planned to round-up wildcats. The veteran hunter posted the young one and the dogs in places of vantage and patiently awaited the coming of the cats. They had not long to wait.

With a savage yell, a great cat came bounding over a knoll and towards the hunting party, who drew their guns and prepared to fill the beast with shot as it "shinned" up a tree. Nearer and nearer came the screaming beast. Stopping midway between the two hunters, it stalked at both, gave a mighty leap and dodged beneath a rock and was seen no more. The disgusted hunters said a few things, kicked the dogs and returned sadly home.

That night the wildcat crossed the river, and has since been posing as a panther in the Egypt section of Great Bend township. The Oakland hunters are still on the trail of the terror, reinforced by a number of experienced panther hunters of Oakland borough. The hunters found tracks in the snow as large as a panther, and tall marks eighteen inches long. From measurements and calculations the beast is thought to be nine feet long.

Farmers hear loud screams on the hills at night, and belated lovers run frightened to their homes. The hunt continues nightly. Residents of the Egypt tract have lately seen flickering lights on the eastern horizon, and have marked them as new stars in the constellation. They are lanterns carried by the Oakland hunters in their mad and eager chase after a peregrinating panther.

IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY. Forest City has a board of trade. And now the home mining town ought to have a new railroad station, a county bridge, a city hall and other things too numerous to mention. The more power to her.

The Susquehanna County School Directors' association will meet today in Montrose.

Great Bend's new chamouis skin factory is in operation, and the working force is being gradually increased. It is the only factory of its kind in the United States.

The Great Bend brush factory is rushed with orders. The early closing movement in Forest City lasted two days. It was too good to live.

Prospecting for coal will soon begin at Cottrell Lake, near Unadilla. Starnucca wants a butcher to locate in that borough.

Revival meetings are still in progress in the Starnucca Methodist church.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM. Now it is the season Lenten. Sinners all, begin repentant.

In the hands of Mrs. Nation, the hatched may surpass the feats of Hercules.

The faithful woman teacher earns more than she gets.

How do you prefer your fish, Mr. Sinner?

A score or so of Susquehanna people have stopped griping.

The richest home doesn't always hold the prettiest girl within its fold.

Getting deeply into debt is not so disagreeable, but may become profitably diverting in a community with accommodating and complaisant bankruptcy laws.

Prayer of Chaplain Noe, of the Arkansas house of representatives: "O Lord, we thank Thee that we are not in the lunatic asylum this morning, nor considered fit subjects for the same."

A CHURCH'S GREAT BOOM. Whitney sarcastically remarks that it was a great day for the Washington Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal church when President McKinley and the mayor of Great Bend both attended that church on the same day. So far as the church collection went, it was a decided boom for that society, Whit.—Great Bend Plain-Dealer.

HERE AND THERE. In the Junior oratorical contest at Lehigh university on Wednesday, the judges awarded the first prize of \$25 to Frederick Farrar Lines, of South Bethlehem, but formerly of Great Bend. The winner is a son of former State Senator O. A. Lines, of this district.

The remains of Nathan Boorn, of Kirkwood Center, N. Y., were on Thursday interred in McKune cemetery.

The coldest weather of the present winter was on Friday night, February 22, when the thermometer along the Susquehanna river, between Susquehanna and Warms, registered as low as 21 degrees below zero.

The severe winter has killed hundreds of swarms of bees in Susquehanna county.

A number of co-operative creameries will be built in Susquehanna county this season.

The stockholders of the Deposit Canning company held their annual meeting this week, and the Journal, of that village, says: "The producers will receive nothing for the produce furnished the past year. The outlook for the future, however, is bright." Ah-um! The farmers might have saved their seeds, time and labor by standing around upon street corners and raising umbrellas.

ON THE QUIET. After all, perhaps baldness is not a great calamity. So far as the country is concerned, it is the big-headed, not the bald-headed, man who becomes a public nuisance. When science discovers the bacillus then it will try to adopt some process of extermination.

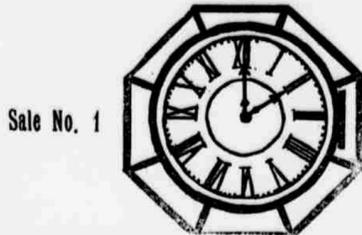
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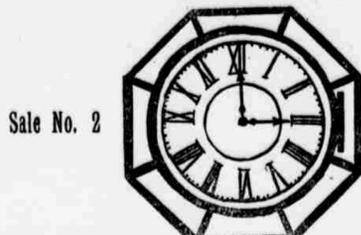
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TODAY'S SALE IN THE BASEMENT STORE is such a masterful gathering of bargains that every housekeeper in Scranton who is anxious to make a price saving on dependable household needs will make it a point to be here when the sale bell rings at two o'clock. There is enough of all the articles offered to supply you all and plenty of sales-people to serve you promptly. Fairbank's "Fairy Soap," 3 1/2c price a cake today. WHITE PORCELAIN PLATES, sizes 5, 6 and 7; has plain and festooned styles; regular selling price 5c and 10c each. For this one hour today your choice each. TIN WASH BOILERS, No. 9 size, extra heavy and well made; usual selling price is 50c to 60c each. Today's price, 39c. ROCHESTER TEA KETTLES—Housekeepers need an introduction to this well-known make, and those who have never priced them know that \$1.19 is about the lowest regular price they are ever sold for. They are made entirely of copper, nickel-plated outside and nickel-plated inside. Price each today. TOWEL ROLLERS, finely finished and strongly made; 4c. ENAMELED WARE, PORCELAIN WARE AND BRONZES—Here is an excellent opportunity for housekeepers to buy kitchen helps for little money. The articles offered are all on one large counter near the other Friday offerings. Parlor Brooms, extra heavy and three sewed. Blue Enamelled Wash Bowls, with white lining. Blue Enamelled Coffee Pots, 1 1/2-qt. size, with white lining. Blue Enamelled Tea Pots, 2 qt. size, with white lining. Peerless Agate Coffee Pots, 2 1/2, 3 1/2 and 4 qt. sizes. Peerless Agate Tea Pots, 3 and 4 qt. sizes. Peerless Agate Tea Kettles, No. 4 size. Peerless Agate Sauce Pans, 8 quart size. Cast Porcelain Line Kettles, 4 quart size. Some articles in the offering worth as much as 79c each; none worth less than 30c.

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DRESS GOODS BARGAIN.—One of the most important offerings we have ever made in this department is this bargain we offer this afternoon in Frizee Suitings. They are full 56 inches wide, all wool and come in shades of grey, brown, castor, navy and green. Their weight and weave make them very desirable for ladies' bicycle skirts and rainy day skirts. The manufacturer who made them intended them to be retailed at \$1.00 a yard, but a fortune purchase enables us to offer them for you this afternoon for just sixty minutes at a yard. CURTAIN SWISS.—Today's offering is sure to interest housekeepers who are planning to beautify their homes this spring—and what sooner adds beauty to a room than lace curtains on the windows? There are two thousand yards of these Swisses in today's offering, both in dot and stripe effects, and at 15c or 18c a yard they would be good value. To help you and help us to show you how really cheap we can sell goods we offer them at this hour today on the third floor at a yard. SALE OF PERCALES.—We can't think of a time when we saw a more handsome lot of new Percales than these we offer today. The variety of patterns, the richness of the colorings and the firmness of the cloth make them just such a lot of Percales as good judges would be willing to pay 10c a yard for. Their ground work is white, light blue, cadet, lavender and pink, and all are full 32 inches wide. Price a yard at three o'clock today. SALE OF BOYS' KNEE PANTS.—Here's a chance for the money, saving mother or father to supply his boy with enough pairs of pants to last the summer through and save money by buying them all at this one time. The pants are made of .wove cheviot cloth in mixed and dark colors, have heavy duck waist bands, taped seams and are extra well made throughout; sizes 3 to 14. Sale on second floor; price a pair. WOMEN'S MUSLIN DRAWERS, made of good quality muslin, cut full sizes, have yoke band and are trimmed with ruffles. On sale at this hour at a pair. SPOOL SILK AND SPOOL COTTON.—500 dozen of each on sale at this hour at the cotton counter. The cotton comes in white, black and colors; the sewing silk in black only. Price of each 5c 3 spools for.

SALE OF FLANNELETTE WRAPPERS—If you will be quick today you can buy well made and good fitting Flannelette Wrappers for nearly half their worth. One special lot go on sale at this hour at each. 49c. HANDKERCHIEFS AND EMBROIDERIES—Here's a double offering of good values. The Embroideries are cambric and matisook from 2 to 5 inches in width, all new designs; regular worth is 15c a yard. The Handkerchiefs are pure linen hemstitched, for ladies' use, and their regular worth is 15c each. At this hour today buy the Embroideries by the yard and the Handkerchiefs at each. 10c. SALE OF TELESCOPES—Made of best heavy canvass board, have leather protected corners, brass riveted, are full cloth lined and have two heavy straps; sizes 18, 20 and 22. On sale this afternoon for just one hour on first floor at each. 69c. SALE OF DIMITIES—This offering of new Dimities is of importance to those who want to do their spring sewing early, and the fact that you can buy these today at about regular wholesale prices helps you to make a price saving as well. They come full 32 inches wide, are very showy and come in the newest patterns and colorings of the season; regular worth 12 1/2c a yard. Buy them at this hour today on first floor at a yard. 8 1/2c. SALE OF BOYS' AND MISSES' SHOES—This is the very best shoe offering we've made in many a day. The shoes concerned are solid leather throughout and extra well made. The Boys' Shoes are Box Calf with oak tanned leather soles. The Misses' Shoes are Vic Kid styles, lace and button. All sizes in the lot and not a pair worth less than \$1.50. Today's price is. 99c. Will call this a one-hour result producing offer from our Furniture Store. Just to show how we do things: Six foot Extension Dining Tables, with 42 inch tops, special gloss finish, heavy fitted legs, having patent bolt insertion, extension slides, are the easy running kind. Your choice of round or square tops. 3.65. DINING ROOM CHAIRS—Built of genuine oak, highly finished having double stretched understock and closely cased seats, neat spindle backs, bent postings rigidly secured with brace arms. For 60 minutes on fourth floor, each. 84c.

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lives of many farmer boys—if there's a grindstone on the farm. There is something nice about the balance of trade. Some farmers come to town with a load of hay and return with a load of rye. The wife of the Methodist minister in new wonderer if her carpets will fit the rooms in the new parsonage—and the minister is wondering what he will draw in the coming conference lottery. THE SHORT OF IT. Mrs. Abijah Green, of Trout Creek, a few days since gave birth to triplet boys. It is said that, since this interesting event, Green has been very blue. The Montrose Democrat appears in a new dress of type. Success to it! Norman H. Phelps, who was born at Dundaff, this county, in 1831, died in Binghamton a few days since. Mrs. N. L. Bird, president of the Bradford county Women's Christian Temperance union, will deliver an address on "Bible Temperance," in the Baptist church on Sunday evening. On account of over-production it is said that the wood acid factories in this section will be shut down during June or July. A New Milford clergyman recently took for his text "Hell; Where It Is, and Who Are Going There." WHOLLY UNPREMEDITATED. It is generally all up with a man when he begins to go down hill. Absurd flattery never made a man, and unblasted detraction never killed one. It is the man who orders a room on the top floor who takes the most room in writing his name on the hotel register. It is hard to tell which is the easiest for some people—to go forward at a revival or backward when the revival is over. The poor man labors under no greater mistake than thinking that by keeping a lot of dogs he is enabled to keep the wolf from the door. A Binghamton physician has discovered that the soul is located in the corpus colosum. We always thought that, but had our doubts about the exact location of the corpus colosum, supposing it might be in the woodshed, under the bed, or down cellar in the turnip bin. Whitney. STRUCK BY AN ENGINE. Lackawanna Conductor Injured About the Head and Loopy. Theodore Nauman, a conductor on the Lackawanna road, was struck by an engine at the Casuya yards yesterday. Nauman was walking on the west bound tracks when a backing engine struck him, hurling him several feet and to one side of the track. When picked up, it was found that he had sustained severe gashes on the head and body. He was removed to the Moses Taylor hospital. PICKED A POCKET. Patrolman Davis arrested a man in O'Connor & Walsh's saloon last evening for being drunk and picking pockets. He extracted a bundle of keys from another man's pocket and was trying to make way when the officer arrested him. He was locked up in the Center street station house. Glue Plant Burned. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Buffalo, March 13.—A portion of the plant of the Fisher Glue company at Tonawanda, containing 25,000 barrels of high priced glue, was burned today. The loss will reach \$100,000. Henry C. Irish, an employe, was badly burned, and a number of others were slightly injured.

A MIXED MENU.

IT WAS a charming little sitting room in which Mrs. Mason sat sewing daintily. Before her stood the servant girl who, with a stolid stare, announced that she had found a place down town. "But, Mary, you surely would not leave me without help," Mrs. Mason answered. "I got a place where I get tree dollar." "I would give you three dollars, but you agreed to work for me for two and a half if I would teach you to talk and do the work." "I got another place down town, I say I go next week." Entreaty and persuasion were alike in vain. It all ended with, "I go next week." One year from this time Mrs. Mason was a wiser, if not a better woman, and when Lena announced, "I got another place down town," she merely answered, "very well," for this was the third girl that she had trained for the woman down town. When Mr. Mason came home to dinner that night, he saw at once that some shadow had clouded the domestic heaven; but when his wife had poured out her tale of woe, she proceeded to lay before him plans for her future campaign. When he had fully caught her idea he laughed long and loud. "You're a mighty smart little woman, Marla, but if you try that one you'll fall down," he announced, when she asked for his opinion of her plans. "I'll not fall down any harder than I have in my other plans, and I believe I can do it." "All right, I'll back you," he promised encouragingly. Assured of her husband's co-operation, Mrs. Mason very willingly agreed to take Lena's cousin, Christina, who had just arrived from the fatherland. In the week which intervened before the advent of the new domestic, one might have supposed Mrs. Mason to be a blue-stocking of the deepest dye, for she carried a pencil stuck in her hair, and stopped to jot down burning thoughts on whatever was most convenient to rest her notebook upon; the baby's back or the bottom of the dishpan were alike available. When the new Christina appeared, fresh and rosy and clean, she started at her task with vigor. Her former experience taught her the best method of instruction, and taking up an article after another, she told the names distinctly, and encouraged Christina to repeat it until she was sure of it. The first performance in the domestic act was to fry potatoes for luncheon. "This, Christina," said Mrs. Mason, as she held up the spider, "is a kettle, and these are eggs," pointing to the potatoes. After this the bread and the meat, the crackers and the raisins, the coffee and the lemons, changed places, and 50 of the commonest utensils in the kitchen and dining room were in a confusion that had no order except in the fertile brain of Mrs. Mason; but she had her list well memorized, and her mistakes were few. Mr. Mason gave her enthusiastic support, and though he feared to give an order to Christina without first consulting his wife, and his appealing look at the table when he held up the cracker jar to Christina and asked for more raisins was very amusing, he gave his wife unstinted admiration for the girl manner in which she could order a six-pound bread fried rare, or a small piece of roast beef for the water pitcher. Unsuspecting Christina, worked hard at her part of the game, evidently desirous of fitting herself as soon as pos-

sible for the "tree-dollar place" down town. She labored in her native tongue gladly with her friends, and her English that chance might call into use, never intruded on the ground with which Mrs. Mason tempered. The excitement of her experiment added quite a little interest to the usually monotonous work of training a green girl, and Mrs. Mason taught her many mysteries in salads and soups that she had heretofore kept as strictly private knowledge. Christina had reached that stage in her development when Mrs. Mason could give an order for dinner and go out for an afternoon with some assurance that a palatable, well-served dinner would await her return. She knew that the time was near at hand for the inevitable announcement, and so when Christina said, a little more shyly than some of the former girls: "My cousin she got me place where I see her every day. The woman, she say she glad to get girl that you make. She have your girl another time." Mrs. Mason answered cheerily: "All right, Christina, you can go right along. I'll get along without a girl for a while, but Mr. Mason is going to bring company home tonight, and I want a very nice dinner." Christina smiled at so willing an acquiescence to her plan, and asked: "What I get for dinner?" "We'll have some of that nice oatmeal soup, a cabbage fried cake, some souped eggs, a chicken omelette, and you may get some of the best oyster cooking from the kitchen. Make some coffee soup, Christina, and make the freezer full. I think we'll have soda pie with it." "All right, I do it," answered Christina, willingly, and Mrs. Mason smiled as she retired to her lady world town. "Now, madam, you're welcome to the fruit of my labor." If she felt the least bit guilty, the memory of the many hours of care and thought that she had given to the training of green girls came to appress her conscience. "I only wish I could see the other acts," she said to Mr. Mason. "I expect to be in the fifth myself, but I feel I shall miss the third and fourth." Christina reported bright and early at Mrs. Mason's door, a more detailed study being to light these facts: (1) The provinces of Italy which give the highest averages for homicide are Gergenti, 52.65; Sassari, 36.55; Trapani, 32.25; Palermo, 32.25; and Naples, 31.76. (2) Those which yield the lowest averages are Mantua, 1.57; Bergamo, 2.12; Padua, 2.15; Sondrio, 2.47; and Cremona, 2.65. These figures go to prove that there exists in Italy a large zone—almost all northern Italy—which, as regards homicide, very nearly approaches the most civilized countries of Europe. Difficult as is the study of crime in the United States, it may be said that there exists in that country, also, an enormous difference in the criminal statistics of different regions. For example, in the statistics for 1888 we find a maximum of 29 homicides per 100,000 inhabitants in New York. In San Francisco the number was 13.33. The minimum was found in Baltimore, 0.59. Washington has the small percentage of 0.75. Italy and the United States are pre-eminent in regard to the differences in social conditions found in the different sections of the same country. The various political crimes of the Italians have given the enemies of the democracy the pretext of attributing the high criminal average to the propaganda through which the popular factions—republicans, radicals and socialists—are seeking to spur the Italian people on to a more highly civilized life. Now, statistics show that the crime of homicide is greatest in the south of Italy—in Sardinia and Sicily—that is to say, in those parts where the fewest republicans and socialists are to be found; where, in fact, they do not

each made a frantic effort to convince the other that she was responsible for the mistake. Mrs. Bender grew angry, and Christina resorted to tears, and while Mr. Bender listened to their confusing explanations, he made his breakfast on toast and lemonade. Matters grew worse rapidly, and in spite of repeated and patient explanations, Christina's ideas were in a state of hopeless confusion, but neither she nor Mrs. Bender ever thought of the little woman on the hill as the author of all their troubles. At the end of two weeks Mrs. Bender took a street car for Walnut Hill, and seeking out Mrs. Mason, asked her if she would not be willing to take Christina back. Mrs. Mason artfully hesitated a moment and then consented. "I am so relieved," Mrs. Bender said, "for I keep her in a state of whole time, and she seems so anxious to please me. I can't understand how any one can be as stupid as she is." So Christina came back, and for four years she did faithful service in Mrs. Mason's kitchen, and for the first time in her life that ingenious little woman did not live in constant fear of "another place down town."—Charlotte W. Eastman, in What to Eat.

HOMICIDE AMONG ITALIANS.

The Crime Is Frequent but the Cause Is Not Political. Dr. Napoleone Colajanni, in the Forum. Every Italian who holds himself aloof from the prejudices of ordinary patriotism will recognize that the moral conditions of our country are not of the best, and that, in the general statistics of homicide, Italy holds a disgraceful supremacy. More murders are committed in Italy than in Spain or Hungary; and in the latter two countries the number of homicides has been supposed to be the largest in Europe. Having said this much, with a sincerity which none can doubt it remains for us to examine into the details concerning the fact. For the years 1895-96-97, we find that an average of 12.58 per 100,000 inhabitants in Italy have been accused of homicide. A more detailed study brings to light these facts: (1) The provinces of Italy which give the highest averages for homicide are Gergenti, 52.65; Sassari, 36.55; Trapani, 32.25; Palermo, 32.25; and Naples, 31.76. (2) Those which yield the lowest averages are Mantua, 1.57; Bergamo, 2.12; Padua, 2.15; Sondrio, 2.47; and Cremona, 2.65. These figures go to prove that there exists in Italy a large zone—almost all northern Italy—which, as regards homicide, very nearly approaches the most civilized countries of Europe. Difficult as is the study of crime in the United States, it may be said that there exists in that country, also, an enormous difference in the criminal statistics of different regions. For example, in the statistics for 1888 we find a maximum of 29 homicides per 100,000 inhabitants in New York. In San Francisco the number was 13.33. The minimum was found in Baltimore, 0.59. Washington has the small percentage of 0.75. Italy and the United States are pre-eminent in regard to the differences in social conditions found in the different sections of the same country. The various political crimes of the Italians have given the enemies of the democracy the pretext of attributing the high criminal average to the propaganda through which the popular factions—republicans, radicals and socialists—are seeking to spur the Italian people on to a more highly civilized life. Now, statistics show that the crime of homicide is greatest in the south of Italy—in Sardinia and Sicily—that is to say, in those parts where the fewest republicans and socialists are to be found; where, in fact, they do not

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exist as a political party. If we look upon homicide from the standpoint of political propaganda, we are forced to admit that in Italy, as in Germany, such propaganda exerts a moderating influence over crime. In the north of Italy, where, as we have seen, the crime of homicide is at a minimum, radicals, republicans and socialists are, and are organized into strong political factions. CUBA AT THE EXPOSITION. Splendid Exhibit of Island's Resources at Be Made at Buffalo. The diversified and valuable resources of Cuba will be exhibited at the Pan-American exposition. A Cuban building has been erected in the Court of State and Foreign Buildings, and it is one of the most picturesque of this fine group. Its architecture and materials are peculiar to the island. The building is surmounted by the traditional "Tower of Havana," and attracts the attention of all visitors. It has a splendid view of the Park Lakes, the Approach, the Fore Court, the Triumphal Bridge and other parts of the exposition. Among its nearest neighbors is the Honduras building, which overlooks the Approach. The work of gathering the exhibits is in progress. An active campaign is being made throughout the island and especially among the planters, for ex-

hibits. While careful attention will be devoted to the selection of exhibits to represent the manufacturing interests of Cuba, the bulk of the exhibits will come from the country and will be collected so as to serve as inducements to those with limited capital who may desire to invest in Cuba. The exhibits will be the best ever collected in the island and will entirely be representative of its industries. THE FASHION PLATE CHILD. I'm a poor little fashion plate child, And my manners are gentle and mild. But the trials I endure and the fun I endure Would set any other child wild. All my frocks are quite fetching and smart, But great rage fills my poor little heart. When I foolishly stand with a purse in my hand In a pose quite approved by Delsarte. An umbrella I have, though 'tis plain There is not the least chance of a rain. For my shoes and my hat are not fitted for that. My hair would be curled all in vain. Little girls must all hate me, I fear. For on Sundays and afternoons clear They are dressed just like me for the public to see. And their comments are caustic, I hear. How I wish I could wear an old dress Made of gingham, and then I just guess I would make some mud pies that would open your eyes. Though my pose might not be a success. —Miss Howison Coak.