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EDITORIAL
General David McMurtre Gregg of Berks county is spoken of as a candidate for State Treasurer. He was Auditor General from '91 to '94 and was a careful and independent officer.

Constable Kelley of Lackawaxen is lamented with sad sighing on week days, but Sundays are days when in that business. He just says they must not and they don't.

Luther Michaels is contributing considerable fish lore to the columns of the Stroudsburg Times, to which members of the State Fish Commission take exceptions. Any one who knows all about an eel is a pretty wise man, and must have a good grip to hold such a slippery subject. He ought to go into politics with "Dick" Croker.

The town council spent considerable money last week putting gravel on the hard road bed between the dust and gravel the streets were in a very unpleasant condition. Our opinion has long been that the dressing of gravel should be put on when the ground is soft, otherwise it soon grinds up into dust and the old story about the farmer who raised more hogs to make more money to buy more land is illustrated. Hauling more gravel to make more dust to cost more money to sprinkle it down.

Dr. Charles A. Briggs who was charged with heresy, and tried by the Presbyterian church, is now attempting to become a priest in the Episcopal Church but is meeting with considerable opposition against his ordination, and it is not probable that Bishop Potter will run counter to their wishes. Dr. Briggs however can be a deacon and preach as opportunity offers, meanwhile teaching "higher criticism" at Union Theological Seminary. The way of the transgressor is after all pretty hard.

Since the canal has been abandoned the boards have been taken off the Lackawaxen dam, and while the water flows over it rapidly it now would seem to offer little, if any, hindrance to the passage of shad up the river. Numbers of them, however, are speared along the wings which project down the stream. With the high water continuing so long the fishing ought to be good in the upper waters. The fish ways put in some years ago at an expense of \$5000 are broken up, and from their construction a shad must have been a trained acrobat to have ever wended his way up their tortuous paths. He could as easily have walked up a ladder and then turned a hand spring to land in the coveted place above.

POLITICAL CARDS.
To the Republican Voters of Pike County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Commissioner.

To the Republican Voters of Pike Co. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Auditor.

I believe I will, to the best of my ability endeavor to secure the combination of candidates who will promote harmony in, and conduct generally to the best interests of the party in the State.

CLASSIFICATION AND APPRAISEMENT.
The undersigned, duly appointed and qualified appraiser of the county of Pike for the year 1899, makes the following classification and appraisement of vendors of merchandise, etc.

Classification of Vendors of Merchandise.

Name	Class	Tax
Van Etten Bros.	Store 10	10.00
Greene	Store 10	10.00
J. & C. Honck	Store 10	10.00
F. G. Haines	Store 10	10.00
E. S. King	Store 10	10.00
Gilpin Bros.	Store 10	10.00
Lackawaxen	Store 10	10.00
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C. W. Shannon	Store 10	10.00
Samuel L. VanAlin	Store 10	10.00
Julius Schaffert	Store 10	10.00
John Smith	Store 10	10.00
C. P. Goldhardt	Store 10	10.00
Arthur Finch	Store 10	10.00
Lebanon	Store 10	10.00
M. & G. L. Nye	Store 10	10.00
Milford Boro	Store 10	10.00
Ryan and Wells	Store 10	10.00
T. Armstrong & Co.	Store 10	10.00
R. J. Klein Hardware	Store 10	10.00
J. B. Boyd	Store 10	10.00
F. L. & E. Gumbel	Store 10	10.00
O. Armstrong Druggist	Store 10	10.00
Benjamin M. Schell	Store 10	10.00
Frank C. Schell	Store 10	10.00
Paul Bourneville	Store 10	10.00
John and William A. Hays	Store 10	10.00
from June 15 to September 15	Store 10	10.00
S. Dingman	Store 10	10.00
W. T. Struble	Store 10	10.00
Shohola	Store 10	10.00
S. J. John Gardner Store	Store 10	10.00
Joseph Harty	Store 10	10.00
H. Sulzman	Store 10	10.00
Westfall	Store 10	10.00
F. A. Kessler	Store 10	10.00
G. H. Langston	Store 10	10.00
J. W. Fagan	Store 10	10.00
Isaac Wintermute	Store 10	10.00
A. W. Hatch	Store 10	10.00
Michael and Butcher	Store 10	10.00
Gustav Dunker Store	Store 10	10.00

Therby certify the above and fore going to be a true list of persons in Pike Co. subject to mercantile tax for the year 1899. The best of my knowledge and belief.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Pike County, to me directed I will expose to sale by public auction or outcry at the Court House in the Borough of Milford in said County of Pike on

SATURDAY MAY 20th 1899
at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, all the following described Real Estate, to wit:

All those two certain messuages and lots or pieces of land situate in the township of Greene, in the county of Pike, bounded described as follows to wit:

COMPEISATION.
The truest words we ever speak
Are words of cheer.
Life has its shade, its valleys deep;
But round our feet the shadows creep,
To prove the sunlight near;

Between the hills those valleys steep—
The unwearying hills;
And down their sides will those who seek
With hopeful spirit, brave thought
And gentle flowing rills.

For every cloud a silvery light—
God will it so;
For every vale a shining height,
A glorious mount for every night
And birth for labor's throes.

For snow's white with a verdant field,
A gain for loss,
For buried seed the harvest yield,
For pain a strength, a joy revealed;
A crown for every cross.

FATE OF JOHN DRIFT.
John B. Drift owned a group of mines in the Bradford Mountains, near Prescott, A. T. He lived with his two children, Dick and Flora. And Dick was the mine boss.

On June 30, some years ago, the old man left camp and started for Denver, Col. The trip was undertaken solely for the purpose of securing business with a certain smelter, to which, for the past six months, he had shipped his ores as fast as they could be taken out. What was the continuation in camp, therefore, when a week later a cattleman came in from the range and said that he had found John Drift's mangled remains in the wilds of the Mogollon Mountains.

At once the eager stopped in mid-air as if paralyzed. As the tale of the mangled remains from level to level, the Drifts drilled down to whif, the miles varied in the drifts, the men by scores sprang to the ladders and poured from the manhole, to crowd around the cattleman and listen breathless as he told his story for the twentieth time. They could hardly believe their ears. The old cowpuncher, must surely be out of his head. How could John Drift get from Denver over into the Mogollons in so short a time—a hundred miles from a railway, fifty miles to the nearest stage road.

But Dick, the mine boss, left them to settle the matter as they might, while he hastened to Prescott and notified the sheriff. Without delay a posse was summoned. Among them was an Indian trader named Marking Wolf. The cattleman led them to the spot—an old "bed-ground"—on top of Deer Ridge, near the summit of the Mogollons. And there was the body lying full length beside a plump of wild dates. A glance at the upturned face left not a shadow of doubt in anyone's mind that it was John Drift's, for the features were perfect. But the clothes puzzled them. No one had ever seen the old man in such a flig—a suit of blue denim overalls. And the jumper was stiff with blood. An examination showed a bullet wound near the heart. Furthermore, the right arm and three ribs were broken. The white men having found out all they could, Marking Wolf's part of the program began. He looked the body over from head to foot, examined the eyes and the wound, then began circling round and round, wider and wider, over ground covered with scrub oak and oaks. After searching for an hour up and down each slope of the ridge, he came back with startling information. He could find only one trail—that of someone coming on horseback from the direction of Tonto Basin, and going away again in the direction of Prescott.

had any notification of it been received from any other firm.
With these facts before him the officer went to work. But by the end of a month he had been able to unearth nothing further, except that John Drift had been seen talking to various business men in different parts of the town on the same morning as when he squared accounts with the smelter people.

And now his daughter, Flora, became impatient at the seeming incompetence of the officer. He might have been an "expert," the best in the West, and all that; but in her eyes, he did not begin to know his business. So, she made up her mind to see what she could find in finding out the mysterious murderer.

She accompanied him not only to the services of Marking Wolf again, but also to send off for a famous Navajo trader named Bloodhound. And then sister and brother perked a horse with bedding and provisions, gave the Indians as good mounts as their own, and started for the Mogollons.

The third sunset out found them making camp at the foot of Deer Ridge. By dawn the trappers had gorged themselves to repletion with "white man's grub," and were climbing the slope of the ridge, closely followed by Flora and her brother. Marking Wolf pointed out the place where the body had been found; and in his native tongue he accurately described to Bloodhound the position in which it lay. He pointed out, also, the single trail made by the cattleman, together with numerous minor details too truly given for the most tried minds. And the search for signs began.

Work at first was slow and difficult on account of the ground having previously been trampled by the sheriff and his deputies. But as the hicks circled wider and wider, they quickened their steps into a shuffling trot, and, finally, into a run. Bloodhound led the way, working faster and faster until they had gone some distance beyond the limits of Marking Wolf's former search. All at once Flora saw the hicks stop suddenly about 200 yards away on the north slope of the ridge. Bloodhound stopped and picked up something from a clump of low brush. He and Marking Wolf stood looking at it curiously.

Putting whip to their horses, Flora and Dick dashed eagerly forward. "No find something," exclaimed Bloodhound, holding out a red object as they galloped up. "Don't know what his is; never saw before."

Flora took it from the hick with trembling hand. It was a red silk cap of very peculiar style, made of a visor and lined with white satin, and on the inside band a blur of gilt letters spelled "Denver." A stain just above was all that remained of what had probably been the firm's name. Flora and Dick looked at each other in astonishment. A red silk cap out in these wilds? What could it mean? Was it a clue? If not, what was it doing there?

"Oh," said Flora, "if we could only make out the name of the firm."
But in vain they held the cap up to the sun and looked at the blur from different positions, and brought their mining glasses to bear. The perspiration from the wearer's head had hopelessly erased everything except the one word, "Denver." The strangest fact of all, however, was that the Indians could even read the red silk cap—and to Denver she hied, taking care that no one except her brother should know what was in the wind. Even the expert working on the case must not be aware of her presence in the city, so she engaged lodgings at a private house and took the precaution never to go out unless heavily veiled.

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