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Tillman Again Acting Like an "Anarchist."

Senator TILLMAN again runs the risk of being denounced as an anarchist. The following are the circumstances under which he may be subjected to that charge:

HAVEMEYER, having escaped the punishment that was due him for refusing to tell the Senate which of his members had dealt in sugar trust stock, the Senator has offered a resolution for a further investigation of the relations of the sugar trust with members of the Senate. By his thus showing his desire to expose the senatorial corruption in this matter he will again bring down on him the severe condemnation of those Republicans who are so zealous in maintaining the national honor and the public credit.

The investigation asked for by Senator TILLMAN is demanded by the indications that the sugar trust is again operating on the Senate in the same manner that occasioned the scandal when the Wilson tariff bill was before that body, concerning which HAVEMEYER refused to testify. It is evident that there was no earnestness on the part of the senate committee to compel the sugar trust to testify as to the corrupt relations between the trust and members of the Senate.

It is for this reason that the TILLMAN resolution should be passed and there is an additional reason in view of the fact that the tariff bill now pending in the Senate is being shaped to increase the deferential duties in favor of the trust. The sugar school, as it is presented by the Republican Senate committee, shows that the pull which the sugar monopolists exert on that body has lost none of its strength.

We hope that the majority in the Senate will not consider Senator TILLMAN so much of an "anarchist" that they will not consent to pass his resolution that calls for a further investigation of this sugar trust scandal.

Eight-Hour Bill Adopted.

Farr Bill, Limiting Number of Working Hours Passes the House.

HARRISBURG, June 1.—In the House this morning a resolution was offered to adjourn over to-morrow to attend the business congress at Philadelphia, but it was defeated by a vote of 99 to 67. A motion to print 2,000 copies of the game laws was defeated.

Chairman Seyfert, of the penitentiary investigating committee, asked and was granted an extension to June 22nd in which to file the committee's report. The bills on the calendar were next considered, and the bill amending an act for the incorporation of cities of the first class, providing for the number of assessors to be elected, their qualifications and terms of office, was passed finally by a vote of 137 to 2.

The Farr bill, providing that eight hours shall constitute a day's work, was finally passed after a spirited and acrimonious debate, in which personalities were indulged in.

The report of the elections committee in the Northampton county contest was filed by chairman French. The committee declares that Adam Shiffer, the Republican contestant, is entitled to the seat of William H. Leh, the sitting Democrat, and recommends that both be allowed counsel fees and reasonable expenses for the contest. Mr. Creary, of Columbia, the Democratic leader, asked that action on the report be postponed until the return of Representative Long, who is detained at home by illness, and by whom the minority report is to be presented. Chairman French agreed, and it was decided to call up the report for action next Tuesday.

People's Party Meets.

It Adopts a Platform and Nominates State Officers.

ALTOONA, Pa., June 1.—The state convention of the National People's party was held here to-day, 45 delegates representing 10 counties, being present. Judge Stevenson, of Allegheny, was elected chairman.

The following ticket was nominated by the convention: For state treasurer, Dr. Horace Ayers, of Columbus, Warren county; auditor-general, Dr. C. L. Taylor, of Philadelphia; state chairman, Charles M. Miller, of Meadville, editor of the "Sledgehammer," the state organ of the Populist party.

The platform adopted favors an American policy, including both financial and trade systems. It censures the present state administration for extravagance and the creation of useless offices. The investigations are denounced as having been scandalous, while public schools suffer for appropriations. Mention is made in the platform about favored banks holding state deposits and paying no interest, and recommends a change. Official salaries should be reduced to correspond with the wages paid to all workmen. They urge all county and local organizations to their duty of standing by their organizations until its just principles are engrafted with the public law. The platform ends by appealing to the citizens who desire prosperity to vote with them this fall.

Twenty Christians Killed.

Fighting Has Broken Out Again on the Island of Crete.

VIENNA, June 1.—The Neue Freie Presse publishes a dispatch from Crete, island of Crete, to-day saying that fighting occurred yesterday near Canea, between bashibazouks and christian insurgents, in which 20 christians were killed.

LONDON, June 1.—A special dispatch from Athens announces that the Turks have retired from the Othrys mountains to the plains of Thessaly owing to the difficulty of transporting rations to the troops on that range.

Tennessee's Admission Celebrated

NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 1.—The one hundred and first anniversary of the admission of Tennessee into the Union was appropriately celebrated at the Tennessee centennial exposition to-day. The program of the day began with a large parade through the principal streets. The parade was witnessed by thousands of people.

Situation Still Critical.

Bloodshed Is Expected Between the Posse and Unruly Cheyennes.

HELENA, Mont., June 1.—Specials from Miles City, the nearest town in Montana to the Cheyenne Indian troubles, say the situation at the agency continues critical. Families who resided near the seat of the trouble continue to flock to Miles City. It is reported that Sioux Indians from Dakota have come to the agency, and that runners have been sent to invite more Sioux to join them on the war trail.

Senator Carter will ask President McKinley that the military authorities support the posse in case the Cheyennes resist the arrest of the Indian "Little Whirlwind," known also as Stanley, a graduate of Carlisle, who admits the murder of sheep-herder Hoover.

White Bull's band of warriors, numbering 125, who escaped from the agency Friday night, are in the hills on the Tongue river, near Ashland, and this will be the scene of the first bloodshed should there be any. The settlers are not so well armed as the Indians.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Secretary Bliss to-night wired instructions to Indian agent Stouch, whose reservation is the seat of the Cheyenne Indian trouble, directing him to immediately notify the department of the situation, and to use every effort to deliver the Indian fugitives to the civil officers showing satisfactory credentials. The officials are awaiting with considerable uneasiness the report from the agent, which he was pre-emptorily directed to telegraph at once. The northern Cheyennes are known here as a warlike band, easily flamed, whose actions cannot be too closely guarded.

Governor Smith, of Montana, in his dispatch to the President, states: "Indian agent Stouch, at the Cheyenne agency, and military authorities of the United States are resisting the sheriff of Custer county in their efforts to arrest certain murderers for crimes committed off the reservation. The murderers are under the protection of the agent, who makes no effort to arrest the criminals, and prevents the sheriff from making the arrest."

Pennsylvania Railroad Summer Excursion Route Book.

The Most Complete Publication of Its Kind.

On June 1st the passenger department of the Pennsylvania railroad company issued the 1897 edition of its summer excursion route book. This list is designed to provide the public with short descriptive notes of the principal summer resorts of eastern America, with the routes for reaching them and the rates of fare. There are over four hundred resorts in the book to which rates are quoted, and over fifteen hundred different routes or combinations of routes. It is compiled with the utmost care, and altogether is the most complete and comprehensive handbook of summer travel ever offered to the public.

Its 219 pages are enclosed in a handsome and striking cover, in colors. Several maps presenting the exact routes over which the tickets are sold, are bound in the book. It is also profusely illustrated with fine half-tone cuts of scenery along the lines of the Pennsylvania railroad and elsewhere.

Any doubt as to where the summer should be passed will be dispelled after a careful examination of the contents of this publication.

On and after June 1st it may be procured at any Pennsylvania railroad ticket office at the nominal price of ten cents, or upon application to the general office, Broad street station, by mail for twenty cents. 22-2t.

Shaken by an Earthquake.

Vibrations Were Felt in States from Indiana to Georgia—A Panic Near Cincinnati—Chimneys were Tumbled Down in the Town of Bristol, Tennessee.

Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt in this town near Bristol, Tenn., on Monday at 1 p. m. The vibrations were from north to south and lasted a minute. Buildings were badly shaken and some chimneys tumbled down.

Seismic disturbances have been going on in Giles county, Va., for a week and have caused some families to leave there. The disturbances are said to have caused a fissure in the mountains near Owensburg, in that county, a mile or more in length.

Two Shocks at Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt in Washington at 2 o'clock this afternoon; or as the Naval Observatory reports, at 1:59:29 p. m. The watchmen at the Treasury Department rushed out of the building on to the porticoes, but returned to their places as soon as the disturbances ceased. The policemen on duty at the Capitol building report that the great marble edifice was shaken just enough for them to feel the movement. Professor Paul, of the Naval Observatory, reports that the vibrations continued for more than two minutes; that is from 1:59:29 to 2:02:0.

In several private residences it is reported that the prisms on chandeliers and mantle ornaments rattled; and that there was consternation in the households. The shocks were felt more distinctly all over Alexandria, Va., five miles from here, where it is reported that crockery fell from shelves, and pictures on the walls were away from their proper positions.

Panic at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, May 31.—Shortly after 1 o'clock an earthquake was felt here and in the suburbs. The printers ran out of the Times-Star office. Occupants of other buildings were alarmed, and at Coney Island, Chester park, the Zoological Gardens and elsewhere there was consternation among the holiday crowds.

At the Lagoon, on the Kentucky side, there was a panic among several thousand people on the grounds. The waters on the lagoon were so rough that the life-saving crew went to the aid of those in the electric pleasure boats.

Large Buildings Shaken.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 31.—Two distinct shocks of earthquake were felt in Knoxville this afternoon at 1:15 o'clock. Reports vary as to the length of the shocks, some claiming they were at least a half minute in duration.

Several large buildings were badly shaken and two chimneys fell. The movement of the disturbance was from west to east.

Slightly Felt at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 31.—A slight earthquake shock was felt here at 1:54 o'clock this afternoon. The tremor was quite perceptible in high buildings and lasted nearly a minute.

Cleveland Severely Shaken.

CLEVELAND, May 31.—At 12:43 o'clock a severe earthquake shock was felt at this point.

Mark Twain Reported Dying.

The Great American Humorist Peniless in London.

NEW YORK, May 31.—It is said here among the friends of Mark Twain that the great American story teller is slowly dying in his London lodgings. He is utterly broken down, mentally and physically, his once brilliant mind is incapable of further effort, and he is almost penniless. Friends say his physical condition is brought about by a broken heart.

LATER—This story has been denied by Mr. Clements, himself, who says he is well and will spend the summer in Austria. His new book is ready for the printer.

Quay Sends for Martin.

Senator Fears Democrats May Elect Philadelphia's Next Mayor.

PHILADELPHIA, June 1st.—Senator Quay, who is now in Washington, has sent for Dave Martin. It seems the senator fears that a new Republican league may lead to a rupture and thus help the Democrats elect Philadelphia's next mayor.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

FESTIVAL AT HUNTER'S PARK TO-MORROW.—During the joint picnic of the societies of Epworth League and Christian Endeavor of Buffalo-run valley, at Hunter's park to-morrow, the Fillmore society of Epworth League will hold an all day festival at which all the delicacies and substantial of the season can be procured at a small price.

THE BUILDING OF THE GAS PLANT BEGUN.—The old croakers, who chirped and chirped when the WATCHMAN published the exclusive information that a new acetylene gas works was to be built in Bellefonte, will be easy now that they have seen something more substantial than a mere newspaper report.

On Monday Messrs. A. G. Morris, Chas. Morris and Thomas Morris were in town and visited the proposed location of the plant, in Armor's gap. The site for the buildings was selected and work will be begun at once on the foundations. All of the buildings will be made of brick and stone and will be pushed to completion as quickly as possible.

THE DAYTON PRESS ON ANDREW HOWLEY.—The Dayton, Ohio, Press, of Wednesday, contained the following notice of the death of Andrew C. Howley, whose obituary we published last week.

The sad information has been received here of the death of Andrew C. Howley at one time clerk at the Dickey house. Mr. Howley, although of a very quiet demeanor and disposition, made many friends during his stay in this city. He worked for a year or more at night and finally succeeded clerk Scheible in the day time. He was at all times courteous, especially to members of the newspaper fraternity. When his parents were apprised of his failing condition, he was prevailed upon to return to his home at Bellefonte.

It was with much regret that he left and no one missed him more than did Maj. McMillen.

A LONG RIDE ON A TANDEM.—Last Thursday evening two Philadelphia bicyclists, Arthur and Will Penrose, were in Bellefonte for an hour or so on their way from State College to Philadelphia. They were riding an "Orient" tandem and had left Philadelphia at six o'clock Monday morning, May 24th. The first day they rode to Harrisburg, a distance of 116 miles, and remained there all day Tuesday.

They reached State College Thursday, remaining there until 5 o'clock in the evening. They passed through Bellefonte later, stopping long enough to take lunch at John Anderson's restaurant, and continuing on to Lock Haven. They expected to reach Philadelphia by way of Williamsport and Wilkesbarre, on Saturday night.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by the clerk of the court, G. W. Rumberger, during the past week.

Charles K. Hoffman, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Bertha May Holmes, of Walker, Pa.

Geo. B. Howe and Mary Adams, both of Philadelphia.

George Justice, of Benner township, and Maggie Miller, of Spring township.

Rev. Daniel J. Wolf, of Ruffsedale, Westmoreland county, Pa., and Miss Jessie M. Durst, of Potter's Mills.

William H. Brouse, of Pine Grove Mills, and Emma V. Williams, of Boalsburg.

C. Henry Stitzer, of Rebersburg, and Lydia S. Spayd, of Madisonburg.

Blanchard S. Ross, of Logue, Potter county, and Frances Ebberts, of Marthas.

THE SHADOW BEHIND THE BARS.—For some time a young man by the name of Frank Stewart has been about Bellefonte with apparently no means of income, yet with money enough to have a good time with those with whom he associated. As it is invariably the case a great many people became interested in Stewart's doings; interest became curiosity and curiosity grew to actual concern and suspicion.

Stewart announced that he was a private detective from Pittsburg sent here to look up the origin of the incendiary fires and indeed he did comport himself as if that were his business. But the night that the fire was discovered in the armory Stewart was the man who discovered it and his actions at that time were so strange as to create suspicion. It is reported that he rushed in to the electric light station and said that he had caught the fellow who had been setting buildings afire about here, then mysteriously disappeared and was not seen for several days. He did not tell the night men at the electric station where the fire was located, nor offer to help put it out.

Stewart was arrested, on Friday morning, and waiving a hearing went to jail for court.

He is rather a nice looking young fellow and when he first came to this place he boarded at Stine's.

GIVEN THE DEGREE OF D. D.—An unsought for but highly deserved honor was conferred upon Rev. W. E. Fischer when the title of Doctor of Divinity was bestowed upon him.

Dr. Fischer is well known throughout Central Pennsylvania and for a period of eighteen years served the Centre Hall Lutheran charge and is now located at Shamokin, being his second pastorate. He is a graduate of Gettysburg college and seminary, is a fluent speaker and sound in Lutheran doctrine.

Dr. Fischer also devotes considerable time to music, his compositions being much sought after and are a source of considerable revenue.

WHAT FOSTER HAS TO SAY OF THE WEATHER.—My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave across the continent from June 2nd to 6th and the next will reach the Pacific coast about June 7th, cross the west Rockies country by close of 8th, great central valleys 9th to 11th and eastern States 12th.

A warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 7th, great central valleys 9th and eastern States 11th. A cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 10th, great central valleys 12th and eastern States 14th.

The third disturbance of June will reach the Pacific coast about 12th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 13th, great central valleys 14th to 16th and eastern States 18th.

A warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 12th, great central valleys 14th and eastern States 16th. A cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 15th, great central valleys 17th and eastern States 19th.

INFORMATION FOR OUR GRANGER READERS.—Centre county Pomona grange met in the hall of Victor grange, at Oak Hall, on Thursday last week, and transacted the following business of interest to members of the order.

The grange insurance company made its report for the year, which showed that there has been no material advance in the business, about as many risks having expired as there were new ones gained.

A committee of three, with the master as chairman, was appointed to consider and report on the expediency of re-organizing the patron's live stock insurance association. A protest was prepared to be sent to Senator McQuown denouncing the repeal of the oleomargarine law. The publication committee reported that the grange's new paper, The Patron, is getting along nicely, but that it is suffering with the common newspaper failing of having slow paying subscribers. The committee on entertainment and picnic for 1897 reported that it had met and elected Leonard Rhone, chairman; George Dale, secretary; and J. J. Arney, treasurer. J. J. Dauberman will have charge of the grounds again, George Dale will look after implement exhibits, and George Gingerich will have the live stock under his supervision. A suitable person for privileges had not been selected. The picnic will be from September 13th to 18th and the rental for the larger tents, except hospital tents, was reduced from \$5 to \$4. All the debts of the park were reported paid and mortgages lifted.

The surplus of funds in the county organization was invested by the purchase of ten shares of stock in the Millheim building and loan association.

A resolution was adopted urging the appointment of none but farmer's sons and daughters to positions in the national department of agriculture.

FACTS FOR HAY SHIPPERS.—In shipping baled hay and baled straw it farmers and others do not load the minimum quantity of ten tons, as required by the railroad company, there is a loss to the shipper in freight. Buyers of baled hay, owing to the many mistakes made in freights, require the hay to be delivered at the market price at the place of delivery. Freight is charged on ten tons, as a minimum carload, whether the quantity is in the car or not, hence the importance to the shipper that the minimum amount shall be put in the car. Railroad agents are not as particular as they ought to be in furnishing cars at all times of the proper size to hold ten tons of baled hay; and farmers are not as particular in packing the same as required by railroad regulations, when they receive a car sufficiently large, in which to load the minimum amount.

The capacity of 60,000 lbs. is very often misleading, when a large box car is wanted in which to load baled hay or baled straw, for the reason that there are many box cars on which sixty thousand pounds capacity is marked, which are small boxes and are not of the required capacity in which to load a minimum car-load of baled hay. It requires a space of about one hundred and eighty cubic feet to hold a ton of baled hay. To make sure of the proper size a box car, inside measurement, must be thirty feet long, eight feet wide and seven feet high, which will hold from ten and one-half to eleven tons of baled hay, if properly packed. If the box is less than the above size the farmer should refuse to load the car, and notify the agent that it is too small to hold the minimum carload of ten tons, and wait for another car to be placed on the siding in which to load his hay.

One other important feature is that the car must be clean. It should not be loaded if there is dirt and filth on the floor which, if not thoroughly cleaned out, will taint the hay; a very important consideration when shipping hay for animal food. This latter condition is very often neglected to the loss of the merchant who buys and ships the hay and very often makes some controversy in settling for the hay with the farmer who ships it, which should be avoided by shipping hay in a clean car and a car of full size, as specified above.

All Through Brush Valley.

Jonathan Walker is gradually improving and is able to attend to his business.

A teacher's examination will be held at Rebersburg to-morrow.

Mrs. Jonathan Sheetz, of Wolf's Store, was buried last Tuesday. She died very suddenly.

The grangers had a good meeting last Thursday evening. The next meeting will be a week from Saturday.

Mrs. W. J. Carlin, the charming wife of our popular merchant and squire, has gone to Williamsport to visit friends for a week or two.

NOTICE.—Let every Democrat and Republican turn out at the delegate election to-morrow. There is no excuse at all for remaining at home.

The work on the new United Evangelical church, at Wolf's Store, is being rapidly pushed. The roof, floor and windows are about finished.

Miss Marion Emerick, of Wolf's Store, who was very ill last week, is gradually recovering we are glad to say, and no doubt will be ready for work in several weeks. This lady has so many dresses to make that our girls say they must make their engagement with her six months in advance.

Supt. C. L. Gramley has been appointed examiner in higher algebra, physics and geography at the State Normal school, located at East Stroudsburg, Pa. Only a few years ago he was one of the examiners at the State Normal at Lock Haven. Prof. Gramley's examinations at the normals are just and favorably received on the part of both students and school.

MEMORIAL DAY AT REBERSBURG.—Seminally all the Brush valley people turned out on last Saturday afternoon; the Green Burr band, with their golden like instruments, soon had the surrounding crowd inspired with patriotism, by giving a few selections of their patriotic music. At 2 o'clock the band, which was followed by the Grand Army, marched to the Lutheran and Reformed cemeteries, where in a short time, a large crowd had gathered. An opening address was then given by Hon. Henry Meyer, of Rebersburg, which was followed with prayer by Rev. Moses George, the Reformed minister of Rebersburg. After prayer Misses Emma Mumma, Rose Corman Mrs. Jane Weber, Mrs. Lulu Royer and Elra Krage and Harry Royer sang an appropriate piece. After the music the graves of those who fought for our country were bountifully decorated with flowers. The march was continued to the Evangelical cemetery where the graves were also decorated, immediately after which the people gathered themselves into the Esler Evangelical church where the patriotic exercises were continued. The music was furnished by the above named persons including Miss Orpha Bierly. After a selection of music the large audience was addressed by Revs. Moses George, Mumma, and H. E. Bierly. The addresses were fresh and suitable for the occasion.

Spring Mills.

Within the last ten days we had several severe frosts down this way, but so far there has been no damage. The corn wants rain and warm weather.

The Republican leaders of our village, are all at sea as regards our postmastership. They appear to be all know nothings. In fact, that is just about what they are.

Sparrows are playing havoc with garden truck down this way, eating off everything that appears above ground. Shooting them hardly diminished their number. In fact the report of the gun hardly scares them.

The festival held on Saturday evening last by the Citizen band of Spring Mills, to create a fund for the purpose of purchasing uniforms was very well patronized. The intentions were to have an out-door festival, but the weather being chilly and fall like, they were obliged to hold the festival in the Grange building.

What do you think of a family having 20 visitors on Sunday, and all remaining for dinner and supper. Isn't that crowding good nature a trifle? Why not put a sign out meals 25cts. This family always have from six to a dozen for dinner on Sundays, but the last invoice was decidedly heavy.

Decoration day was observed here as usual. The old veterans accompanied by the children of our Sunday schools, preceded by the Citizen band of our village marched to the cemetery and decorated the graves of the heroic dead. After which Capt. Taylor, of Bellefonte, delivered a very able and appropriate address. Mr. Gettig, also of our city, made a few touching remarks. Notwithstanding the weather was blustery and winter like the attendance was quite large. Business was entirely suspended during the ceremony.

The junior base ball club of our village had quite a lively contest on Saturday last with what might be called a farmer's team also of our village. Of course the juniors as a whole are a team not to be trifled with on the diamond, and of late have been boasting that no club could be found in town to equal them in skill. So for amusement a nine was quickly gotten up and the juniors challenged. They accepted it at once, of course, thinking that they had a "soft snap" and the "potato team" would soon be pecked. But the score was hardly to their liking being 4 to 8 in favor of the off nine. This was a little rough on the juniors who, priding themselves on having all the base ball skill of the village in their ranks, should be defeated by what appeared to be a very green set of players. Evidently the juniors were too confident and became demoralized—or was it a set up job on them?

Centre Hall.

Hon. John T. McCormick and his brother-in-law, Mr. Seibert, of State College, were in town on Tuesday on business.

Mrs. J. D. Meyer is off to Lancaster to attend commencement at Franklin and Marshall college where her son John is a graduate.

The pike company is crushing stone on the mountain above town and repairing the road. This would indicate that that company is not fearing the effort to vacate the pike from here to Bellefonte, and nobody on this side the mountain was still in vogue better examples should be set the rising generations.

Are we living for the present? No, it is the man who lives for the future who lives happy. Then let present evils be remedied so that in the future the old burial site at Centre Hill will be kept according to the desire and wish of those whose memory we gladly honor.

James P. Herdic, civil engineer and contractor, of Williamsport, was in town Monday and Tuesday to meet the water committee of the town council. Mr. Herdic makes a specialty of putting in water works and is thoroughly booked in every phase of the business. He viewed the springs leased by the borough and ascertained that one of the three gave forth water at the rate of one hundred and eighty thousand gallons per day, which would furnish a water supply for a town of three thousand inhabitants, accepting the established calculation of sixty gallon per capita per diem. The main reservoir could be located 350 feet higher than the Diamond, but 150 feet would afford a pressure of sixty-five pounds at the hydrant, which would throw a stream vertically one hundred and twenty feet through a three quarter inch nozzle attached to one hundred and fifty feet of hose. This calculator is based on six inch mains. Contractor Herdic says that a superb water plant could be erected that would afford fire protection sufficient to reduce the rate of fire insurance fifty per cent, besides giving the town a water supply for all purposes to meet the demands for many years to come. This thought will be realized, without a doubt, and work will be begun as soon as some preliminary arrangements can be made.

M. J. Arney, wife and children have been in Johnstown for the past ten days.

The Penns valley banking company rebuilt the walks fronting on the building and lot, which is quite an improvement over the old one.

C. D. Rankle and wife, of near Pittsburg, were present at the decoration services, as is their custom since their daughter Gertrude was buried here.

Street commissioner Samuel Durst is putting in good time on the streets and the results are showing. The grade at the station is an improvement and when finished will present a good appearance. Church street should also have some attention.

Rev. W. C. Rishel, pastor of the Methodist church at Snow Shoe, made a short stay in town the beginning of this week and was in search of a vacant house which he would like his mother to occupy. Mrs. Rishel's old home is the Rishel homestead, near the Stone Mill, and it is her desire to be nearer the dear old home and friends of her youth.

The Presbyterian festival held Saturday evening was well patronized. One of the good features was the music given by the orchestra. This was their first public appearance and everything can be said to their credit. There is an abundance of talent in the organization and the town can well feel proud of it. Special mention might be made of Misses Kreamer and Rhoads who are perfectly at home when handling the bow.

The patrons of Progress grange invite all to a festival to be held by them at Grange park, Saturday evening, June 12th. Refreshments of great variety will be served in good style and amusements furnished. The patrons will dine on the grounds at noon of same day and it is expected that all members will be in attendance. They will thus observe the usual June children's day, set apart by the state grange for the youths of the rural districts. The proceeds derived from the festival will be added to the ladies' fund for building the proposed grange hall. The object is a worthy one, and one which will be of benefit to all persons living in town and adjoining country, and therefore should be liberally patronized.

The usual spring tide of fixing up in every shape and form of residences is sweeping our town. Many properties are being improved in one way or other and fences and lawns are coming in for a good share of attention. Among minor improvements are handsome new porches for Messrs. F. E. Arney and Aaron Thomas. Messrs. Arney and Stover, painters and paper-hangers, have either painted or contracted to do the dwellings belonging to Mrs. John Odenkirk, Daniel Fleisher, Clem Luse, Aaron Thomas and retone many others. The same firm will also repaint the farm house belonging to Michael Decker, east of town; James McClinton's near Farmers Mills; and one of D. Fleisher's, near Tusseyville.

The Decoration services were largely attended here on Saturday afternoon. The country people generally took a half holiday to pay their respects to the dead heroes of the sixties. The address, which was attentively listened to by all on account of its interest, was delivered by Rev. S. H. Eisenberg, of the Reformed church. Mrs. Thomas also recited her annual poem in her usual style. The soldiers graves were marked by the national flag and were liberally decorated with flowers. The Pleasant Gap band furnished excellent music during the whole of the afternoon and evening. The organization is a credit to the town to which it belongs.

Many of the graves were profusely decorated by friends and relatives of departed ones and an observer could not but be convinced that a great deal of attention had been given the last resting place of loved ones. In fact the cemetery is well kept, throughout, and in a few more years will be greatly improved by the association which owns it.

IN A NEGLECTED CONDITION.—Your correspondent was hailed, recently, and handed the following communication and asked that it be sent to the WATCHMAN. It tells its own story, and the only comment needed is to say that your scribe regrets that he is not able to contradict every line. Here it is:—

After taking a tour with Samuel Shannon post, on Decoration day, and visiting a number of burying grounds, one is struck with awe at the dilapidated condition of the cemetery at Centre Hill. Of all burying places in Penns Valley they deserve continued care by Presbyterians is the Centre Hill site. It may well be termed the mother church of the valley, and underneath the sods lie the remains of men and women prominent in every walk of life, intellect, culture and wealth are represented by many mounds. If it were possible for some of these Presbyterian fathers to lift their heads and view the wreck and ruin surrounding them on every side, their horoscope of youth and vigor would not be realized, and the question that would at once present itself is: "Is Presbyterian church pride waning?" The answer would come from what the spirit would observe at a glance, and those who are acquainted with the place well know that such a view would present (1), a crumbling stone wall; (2) weeds of every description; (3), head and foot stones standing at every angle; (4), an exceedingly rickety entrance; (5), in general, a unkempt site.

Every cemetery were out of date and our own bodies not expected to occupy a space in them, neglect of such sites of historic significance might be excused, but since they are still in vogue better examples should be set the rising generations.

Are we living for the present? No, it is the man who lives for the future who lives happy. Then let present evils be remedied so that in the future the old burial site at Centre Hill will be kept according to the desire and wish of those whose memory we gladly honor.