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Their Couldn't Expect Much.

Boer Commissioners, who have come to this country with the object of securing some assistance for the two South African Republics, were in Philadelphia this week while the Republican Convention was in full blast. It is hardly probable that they expect to receive any substantial recognition from the leaders who manage that political assemblage.

When the head of the Republican party gave them so discouraging a reception they could not expect that a convention of Republican politicians would take a livelier interest in the South African farmers fighting for the right to own their country.

Poor Tyrone, the land preached at by HORACE LINCOLN JACOBS, the soil made famous by those Heavenly Twins DANNY WOOD and FISK CONRAD, is being covetted out of all ambition to be anything more than a rival of the pasture lands of the mountains among which it nestles.

Lasardi is noted for several things; first there are ten thousand islands and each of these but one is inhabited by thirty ocellion over-grown, giant mosquitoes, each armed with an armor piercing bill.

There is a coast survey to be made for a month or two longer and the chief engineer, the head of my party and myself have been ordered to remain. I have reserved Lasardi's most interesting feature for the last. Here they have found that we all have vainly sought for weeks and weeks—a practical route for a tide level canal.

Steel Mills Reopen To-day.

1,200 of the 3,000 Men Thrown Out of Work in South Chicago Will Be Employed.

CHICAGO, June 17.—Three departments of the Illinois steel mills at South Chicago, which were closed on June 3, throwing 3,000 men out of work, will open to-morrow morning.

The officials did not post printed notices as is customary when operations are resumed after a shut-down.

Her Parachute Turned Inside Out.

Mme. Nevada Falls Several Hundred Feet into the Water at Point of Pines.

BOSTON, June 17.—Mme. Nevada, a parachute jumper, was seriously hurt while performing at the Point of Pines yesterday afternoon.

Preparations were being made on shore to go after the woman, and as soon as it was seen that something had gone wrong with the parachute the men pulled vigorously for the spot in a rowboat.

Dr. George Wickes Writes of the Isthmian Canal.

The Young New York Surgeon, Well Known in Bellefonte, Writes of His Work With the Isthmian Canal Commission.—Contrasts His Shooting Eye There With His Aimless Nerve While Shooting Quail on the Nittany Preserve Last Fall.—An Interesting Discovery that May Settle the Canal Question and Redound to the Commission's Glory.

For years public attention has been directed to the projected canal which is to unite the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. In February Dr. George F. Wickes, of New York, who is known to many people of Bellefonte, accompanied as surgeon, the Isthmian Canal Commission to South America, where he has been ever since.

Lasardi, Caledonia Bay, May 21st, 1900. "Much has been happening lately but somehow I am loath to tell it. In the first place things are so lively and varied in this part of the world that one needs to draw only on truth and you cannot exaggerate if you try.

I was not a riotous convention. All the first day's session was given up to the routine of organization. Secretary Wolcott, of Colorado, was made temporary chairman and the would be usurping Governor of Kentucky made a speech, Hanna spoke also, in a school boy style, but it remained for Olcott to make the effort of the week.

Everything about the convention was in the nature of a foregone conclusion, so that there was lacking that excitement engendered by an uncertainty as to who the nominees would be. It was McKinley, of course, from the first, but the vice President was in doubt.

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Yesterday the nominations were made. President McKinley was named by acclamation and it was followed by the naming of Roosevelt, for Vice President. The latter was a signal victory for Platt and Quay and a bitter pill for the President.

Those who returned from Philadelphia last evening state that there was absolutely no enthusiasm to speak of during the entire session.

I see in every hand, that Christian people in all parts of the world, are catching the spirit of the 20th century, in a state of expectancy even "greater things than these" that we see in this closing year of the 19th century.

Very many young and old in Northern Central Pennsylvania, have been in churches and school houses, our Bible motto for 1900, "Something for Everybody to Do."

But at last we have sent a bubble soaring that has not yet exploded, but which seems sure of floating on to the glory of our efforts. They have found a gap eight hundred feet high, a little too high perhaps, but not beyond the science of modern engineering.

Three Killed by an Explosion. PHILADELPHIA, June 17.—Three men were killed and fourteen persons were injured to-day by an explosion of dynamite and gunpowder used in the manufacture of fireworks.

The Democratic county convention at Clearfield, Tuesday, passed off harmoniously.

IT IS McKINLEY AND ROOSEVELT.

The Republican National Convention Names a Presidential Ticket on a Platform That is Both Evasive and Deceptive. Not an Issue Met Squarely—Hanna, the Big Boss, Knuckles Before Platt and Quay.

PHILADELPHIA, June 19.—Chairman Hanna, with a rabbit's foot suspended from a miniature of McKinley in the lapel of his coat, surveyed an imposing spectacle when he called the twelfth Republican national convention to order in the spacious Export Exposition building, in West Philadelphia, at 12:35 Tuesday.

Below him and flanking the stage was an embankment thronged with the representatives of the press of the country. Above was a riot of flags, bunting, eagles and shields, the whole scheme of the elaborate decorations culminating in a huge portrait of McKinley resting in the graceful folds of the American flag.

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Additional Locals.

The grape bug is reported to be destroying vines throughout parts of Nittany valley.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphan's court clerk, A. G. Arey, during the past week:

Clyde E. Bradford and Jennie Dunkle, both of Centre Hall. Calvin Ruhl, of Colver, and Flora Stiffler, of Tusseyville.

WHO KNOWS WHERE THIS CELLAR IS?—The following from Mr. Henry C. Demming, a geologist and mineralogist at Harrisburg, fully explains itself.

Several years ago a friend of mine informed me that while he was in some part of Centre county, a farmer told him of the location of his cellar, he could hear a railroad train passing at certain points several miles away.

Faithfully yours, HENRY C. DEMMING.

THE MONUMENT SITE IS LOCATED.

The following committee report fixes the location of the monument to be erected in this place in memory of all soldiers and sailors:

Resolved, that the plan or plot of the piece of ground upon which the monument is to be erected be in the form or shape of a "Keystone," and that it be located on the Diamond west of the crossing from the First National bank to the Brockhoff house.

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There are subscriptions already made, amounting to \$475.00 and other pledges which make the amount practically guaranteed about \$3,000.

The UNDINES AT HECLA PARK.—The glorious Fourth of July will be fittingly celebrated this year at Hecla park, when the Undine Fire company, of Bellefonte, will hold its fifth annual picnic.

The evening performance will surpass anything ever before seen in this section of the State and must be seen to realize the magnitude. In this mammoth production nearly 1000 people take part.

The "Spanish-American War" drama in music at the fair grounds was witnessed by nearly eight thousand people. The big performance was carried through without a break.

WILD CATTLE ROUNDED UP.—At the time of George Tressler's sale near Linden Hall, last March, a heifer and a young bull were let into the barnyard to be sold.

DEATH OF MISS SPARR.—The death of Miss Nancy H. Sparr, on Tuesday evening, of pneumonia at her home near Boalsburg ends that once well known family. Just one week before her sister, Margaret, with whom she had always resided at the old home, passed away and she was so grief stricken that there was no incentive for her to live and she was more than satisfied when she knew that she was dangerously ill.

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The dedication of the splendid new library and town hall at Alexandria, Huntingdon county, has been deferred until October. It has cost about twelve thousand dollars and is the gift of William Thompson, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Wolverson, of New York, to their native town.

Centre Hall. W. O. Bearick is about completing the room, the foundry building for the handsome store of the Irwins.

The Granger's at their festival Saturday night cleared a neat sum of money which goes to the building fund.

Dr. J. F. Alexander is looking after his practice the same as heretofore, and those who report that he has quit his profession are mistaken.

Squire Shaffer returned from his trip to Illinois on Wednesday, much delighted with the West, but after all thinks Central Pennsylvania all right.

Corman Spicher is taking the census of Centre Hall at present, having commenced the work Tuesday. The population will not doubt reach over six hundred.

S. W. Smith hulled over fifteen bushels of crimson clover seed last Saturday, which is an unusual thing this season of the year. Northern grown crimson seed is considered more valuable than that grown in the south, owing to the fact that the plants become acclimated.

Messrs. George Rice and Stewart Rothrock, of Reedsville, and Misses Helen Sterrett and Pape Annard, of Millroy, stopped in Centre Hall for a few hours with friends on their way to Penn's Cave. Mr. Rice is connected with the mercantile firm of Rice's Sons and Mr. Rothrock holds a position in a real estate office in Pittsburg as head stenographer and is a son of Representative Rothrock of Millfin county.

Harvey Yarnell has been granted an increased pension of two dollars per month with \$14 back pay.

William Eckley is up at Patton, where he has struck a fat job at \$2.25 a day which ought to keep the wolf from the door, at least while it lasts.

Deputy prothonotary Kimpert, with his interesting little family, spent the Sabbath with friends in Penn's valley. They returned to the county capitol on Monday.

Mrs. Jane Todd, of Petersburg, is visiting postmaster J. G. Hess, on Main street. She is the widow of the late Robert Todd, who was engaged in the milling business here about seventeen years ago.

A brilliant social event was enjoyed Tuesday evening at the hospitable home of Andrew Lytle, near State College. The party was for the young people and about thirty were present.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McWilliams, of Fairbrook, are in Altoona visiting their daughter Mrs. Ed. Bowersox, who is again seriously ill, threatened with Bright's disease. She was in a Philadelphia hospital for treatment last year and was much benefited but she is now suffering a relapse.

Martin and Martha Dreiblehns are mourning the death of their little son Daniel Ernest, who died on the night of the 15th, aged 9 months. He had only been ill three days with convulsions caused by indigestion. Interment was made in the Pine Hall cemetery on Sunday at 3 o'clock.

Children's day exercises were held in the Pine Hall Reformed church on Sunday evening. The church was tastefully decorated with mottoes and flowers and ferns. The program was in charge of J. D. Neidigh, who carried it out smoothly and ably.

On the 23rd of May the annual gathering of the Wm. Thompson family occurred at the home of Dr. Frank Thompson at Liverpool. They were all present with the exception of the preacher in Ohio, who was obliged to send his regrets. Last year the reunion took place at Port Matilda and since then that home has been bereft.

INCREASED SALARIES AT THE BELLEFONTE POST OFFICE.—The receipts at the Bellefonte post office for the fiscal year just closed having exceeded \$12,000 salaries to part of the force will be increased as follows: