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Barnum & Bailey's Circus for Altoona. Are you going to the question that Barnum & Bailey's Local Admirers are asking one another.

An exodus of considerable proportions is quite probable when the Barnum & Bailey "Greatest Show on Earth" exhibits at Altoona Pa., on April 29, which will be the nearest place of exhibition. The railroads, as has been customary, announce excursion rates on that day.

The public has learned to associate the idea of magnitude and novelty with the Barnum & Bailey Show, but it is evident that no previous conception of its size and scope can do it justice.

From the standpoint of magnitude alone, the Barnum & Bailey circus would justify its title of "The Greatest Show on Earth." Some idea of its comprehensiveness may be gained from the fact that five long trains of cars are utilized to transport the paraphernalia from city to city.

These figures serve to give an idea of the colossal proportions of the show. The scope of the performance is indicated by the fact that, in addition to scores of feature acts of a strictly circus character, and the very best of their kind, the show has this season introduced a series of new acts of such startling and sensational nature as to create a genuine furor wherever they have been seen.

Owing to its magnitude the Barnum & Bailey circus it is announced, will continue to eliminate the parade.

Scoring Contest for Makers of Butter.

The dairy husbandry department of the Pennsylvania State College will conduct an educational butter scoring contest under the following conditions: Five pounds of butter to be sent during the months of April, June, August, October, December, and February. The butter will be scored on the basis of the New York and Philadelphia market requirement.

The five pounds of butter will be retained by the college, for which it will furnish the package, pay the express on the butter, and award a sterling silver cup to the buttermaker making the highest score in six scorings, with suitable recognition of all those averaging above 90 on the six entries.

The purpose of the contest is primarily educational, to help as far as can be done those who take part to make better butter, not merely to find the one man who shall win the cup for the highest average score.

The scoring contests help both the creamery and the buttermaker. The price is not always the measure of quality. Many a buyer pays market price for butter below extra, because he cannot secure any better at any price.

The buttermaker who makes a superior article and does it every time is the one whose butter the consumer wants.

Pennsylvania D. A. R.

At a meeting of the Pennsylvania delegation, held in Washington on Tuesday, where the national congress is now in session, Mrs. A. E. Patton, the retiring state regent, was unanimously endorsed for vice president general of the national association.

The chief business was the election of a State and State vice-regent. Mrs. Allan Parley, of Lycoming county, Williamsport, was chosen State regent, and Mrs. Smyser Williams, of Yorktown Chapter, York, Pa., the State vice-regent.

A favorite among the delegates is Mrs. James Kerr, wife of a former member of Congress from Pennsylvania and prominent socially and patriotically in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Kerr is an enthusiastic D. A. R. worker, and is deeply interested in all the patriotic ideals and movements of the D. A. R. stands for. She has many personal charms, and has been the recipient of much favorable attention during the congress.

Two of the most popular pages in the congress are the two sisters of the State regent, Mrs. Patton, Miss Edith and Miss Alice Dell, of Susquehanna. Having served for several years as pages they are thoroughly acquainted with their duties, and Miss Edith, who is the president general's page, is ideally fitted for that office.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Since Miss Mary Butts left for Philadelphia W. Homer Crisman has undertaken to keep the books for the Pennsylvania Mining and Smelting company in conjunction with his arduous duties in the office of the Bellefonte Central railroad company. Mr. Crisman is a good book-keeper and there is nothing the stockholders of the zinc company would sooner see him do than to figure out some big profits.

DEATH OF MRS. A. B. KIMFORT.—One of the saddest deaths that has occurred in Bellefonte in a long time was that of Mrs. Arthur B. Kimfort, at her home on west Curtin street, about six o'clock last Friday evening. Mrs. Kimfort had not been in the best of health for some time and about two weeks prior to her death gave birth to a little daughter. Several days later she became quite sick and gradually grew worse until death marked the end of her sufferings at the time above stated.

Lucy Belle Kimfort was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Felty and was born near Lemont about thirty-nine years ago. She was married to Arthur B. Kimfort about twelve years ago, and for several years thereafter the family made their home in Bellefonte, Mr. Kimfort being deputy prothonotary under W. F. Smith, of Millheim. On account of his health, however, he was compelled to give up office work and they moved to Harris township where Mr. Kimfort engaged in farming. When he was elected prothonotary several years ago they again moved to Bellefonte and this has been their home ever since.

Mrs. Kimfort was a member of the Lutheran church and a faithful attendant. She was kind, genial and hospitable, and by her winning manner had endeared herself to quite a circle of friends, who deplore very deeply her untimely death. One of the saddest features of Mrs. Kimfort's death is that in addition to her husband she leaves five small children, the eldest of which is only about ten years. They are: Ellen S., Teresine C., Adam F., Mary M. and Nellie E., all of whom have thus so early in life been bereft of that most precious gift, a mother's love and care.

The funeral was held at 9:30 o'clock Monday morning. The services were held at the house and were in charge of Rev. W. M. Reasick, of Millburg, formerly of this place, assisted by Rev. Barry, the present pastor of the Lutheran church. The remains were taken to the Branch cemetery for interment.

BUCHER.—Henry Felty Bucher, a well known resident of Altoona, died on Sunday morning of heart trouble and dropsy. Deceased was a native of Lebanon county and was sixty-three years old. In 1862 he came to Centre county and learned the cabinet-maker's trade and several years later he located in Bellefonte and engaged in the furniture business. He lived here until 1872 when he went to Altoona and entered the service of the Pennsylvania railroad company. He lived in the Mountain city until 1876, during the business panic, when he returned to Bellefonte and remained here two years. In 1878 he again moved to Altoona, where he lived ever since. Two years ago he was compelled to retire from active service on account of ill health. Mr. Bucher was twice married and is survived by his second wife and one daughter, Miss Rosanna, at home. He was a member of the Methodist church, an Odd Fellow, a Knight of the Golden Eagle, a Knight of Malta and a Heptasoph. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, interment being made in the Greenwood cemetery.

BYER.—Solomon Byer, an old veteran of the Civil war, having served as a private in the 110th regiment, Penna. Vols., died at his home in Franklinville on Wednesday, April 10th, as a result of that fatal disease, tuberculosis, aged seventy-four years. In his service as a soldier he was engaged in every battle in which his regiment fought, which was most of the important engagements in which the army of the Potomac took part. He was a good citizen, a kind husband and father and had many friends in Centre county who will learn of his death with sincere regret. He was a member of the Methodist church and Rev. McKelvey, of Baileyville, officiated at the funeral, which was held on Friday of last week, interment being made at Franklinville.

TAYLOR.—Charles Taylor died at his home near Philipsburg on Sunday morning after only a few days' illness with pneumonia. He was born in Huntingdon in 1831, thus being seventy-six years of age. For many years the family lived either in Philipsburg or near that town. Mr. Taylor was an old soldier, having served during the Civil war as a member of the 188th regiment and also the 3rd regiment heavy artillery. His wife died a number of years ago but surviving him are one son and a daughter, William and Miss Annie, both at home. The funeral was held at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, interment being made in the Philipsburg cemetery.

FERGUSON.—Mrs. Amanda Ferguson, widow of the late Joseph Ferguson, of Philipsburg, died at the home of her daughter in Philadelphia on Wednesday of last week. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Senner, and was born near Unionville sixty-six years ago. Her only survivors are her daughter, Mrs. Morris Clark, of Philadelphia; two brothers, Rev. George Senner, of Camden, N. J., and Wm. T., of Clearfield county, and one sister, Mrs. Charles Humphrey, of Philipsburg. The remains were taken to Philipsburg where the funeral was held on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

DEPLORABLE DEATH UNDER DISTRESSING CIRCUMSTANCES.—Most everybody in Bellefonte remembers John Seehler and family who lived here most all their lives until a few years ago when they moved to Williamsport, and will regret to hear of Mrs. Seehler's death under most distressing circumstances, the following facts in relation thereto being taken from the Williamsport Sun:

The death of Mrs. John Seehler, of No. 20 DeBois street, has brought to light a case which appears to be deserving of the attention of charitably inclined persons. Mrs. Seehler died on Thursday of last week, leaving to survive her a husband and thirteen children. The youngest child, five months of age, is now at the hospital. Mr. Seehler had been employed as night watchman at the Breon mill until about five weeks ago when his wife was taken sick and had to be removed to the hospital. This necessitated him being home at night to look after the children and he secured employment at the Keeler boiler works. With his large family and much sickness, followed by the death of the wife and mother, Mr. Seehler is in need of assistance for himself and children.

One of the children was taken to Sanbury last week by a friend of the family and will be cared for there. The others, with the exception of the babe at the hospital, are at home. Among the children are twins, a boy and a girl, about three and a half years old.

Mrs. Seehler had been at the hospital four weeks prior to her death. The funeral took place from the home Sunday afternoon. THOMAS.—Orlando Thomas, one of the well known residents of College township, died at the home of his son-in-law, William Kline, near State College, on Sunday afternoon after one month's illness with general debility. He was almost eighty years of age and practically all his life was spent in and near Shingletown. He is survived by his wife, who prior to her marriage was Miss Elizabeth Fry, and the following children: Grant, of Wyoming; Woods, of California; Mrs. Newton Hartcock and Mrs. William Kline, of State College; Mrs. Daniel Matz, of Altoona, and Mrs. John Duff, of State College; also one brother, Lewis Thomas, of Shingletown, and a sister, Mrs. Hannah Smith, of Centre Hall.

The funeral was held at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning. Rev. Stonecypher, of Boalsburg, officiated and interment was made at Shingletown.

SPICHER.—Mrs. Mary Emma Spicher, wife of Boyd Spicher, of Pleasant Gap, died at an early hour Sunday morning, after giving birth to a child on Saturday. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Trester and was only 24 years of age. She was married to Boyd Spicher only about one year ago, and her death at this time is very distressing not only to her husband but to a large circle of acquaintances. The funeral was held at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, interment being made in the Lutheran cemetery at Pleasant Gap.

ESTRICH.—Having lived more than her allotted three score and ten years, in fact having passed her seventy-seventh birthday anniversary, Mrs. Sarah M. Estrich died at the home of her son Samuel, in Milesburg, on Tuesday evening of last week, after an illness with a complication of diseases for more than a year. She was a member of the Evangelical church and was highly respected by all who knew her. The funeral was held at one o'clock last Thursday afternoon, interment being made in the Advent cemetery.

STRIKING IT RICH.—The WATCHMAN has heretofore made reference to the prospecting operations being conducted on the lands of John P. Harris and others, out on the Black Moshannon, and it reports are correct: they are striking it rich, according to the following item from the Philipsburg Journal:

John P. Harris Jr., superintendent of the big saw mill at Black Moshannon in which his father, John P. Harris, and other Bellefonte capitalists are interested, was in town recently, and among other things stated that the company's timber tract, covering an area of over fifteen thousand acres, has been discovered to be rich in mineral resources, recent diamond drill tests showing up valuable deposits of coal and fire clay. Still later prospecting with pick and shovel show better results than revealed by the diamond drill. Three veins of splendid coal have been opened on the property, two of which are each over three feet in thickness.

During the past week a vein of hard fire clay over five feet in thickness was discovered. There is thought to be a big acreage of this clay, and a sample shown as that night indicates its quality to be first class and suitable for making No. 1 steel fire brick. With these valuable deposits of coal and clay showing up so satisfactorily, we can naturally conclude that ere long extensive developments will be taking place at Black Moshannon, though a few years ago to have been entirely barren of any mineral wealth.

THE ALTOONA COBBLER'S ASH-BURNING SECRET.—Since John Ellmore, the Altoona cobbler, announced that he had discovered a secret compound by which ashes could be made to burn, at least four other persons in central Pennsylvania towns have declared that they, too, have discovered similar compounds. And the declaration is now made by Altoona chemists that they have discovered the formula of Ellmore's compound and here it is: Common salt, one pound; oxalic acid, two ounces; water, one gallon. Mix thoroughly, and then moisten a mixture containing one part of coal and three parts of ashes. Anthracite ashes burn as readily as bituminous.

It is claimed that quite a large number of people in Altoona, including private families and industrial establishments, are now using the mixture right along and that there is a saving of at least fifty per cent. in the fuel bills. The above mixture is a very cheap one and it would not cost much to test its virtue.

WANT A NEW ANNEXATION.—In Wednesday's issue of the Tyrone Herald appeared the following:

Philipsburg, South Philipsburg and Rush township people are talking of having their territory annexed to Clearfield county. They object to traveling fifty miles to reach the county seat, because of the time and expense involved therein. They also have a strenuous grievance against Centre county because of the small consideration shown them when it comes to filling county offices, distributing advertising, etc. Geographically, commercially and socially they claim to be more vitally related to Clearfield county than to Centre.

The above is news to us and of course we don't know if it is correct or not. But if it is, we say, don't do it. What would Centre county do without a Philipsburg? It is true the people there do have to travel some distance to reach the county seat but that's not the fault of any individual, but of the topography of the county. And as to showing them consideration in the matter of the distribution of political favors and the distribution of advertising, that is not the fault of the county but of a few individuals. So again, we say, don't do it. To make the attempt will only involve more work for the Legislature and the members of that august body are already overworked, and beside that we want you with us.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—The following marriage licenses were issued the past week by Register Earle C. Tuten:

H. Frank Woerner and Minnie B. Showers, both of Bellefonte.

Evan Davis and Ella Sophia Carlson, both of Philipsburg.

Leonard M. Raymond, of Cooper, and Catharine M. Rosenbover, of Bellefonte.

Sterling T. Walker, of Philipsburg, and Rachel Ogden, of Hawk Run.

David F. McKean, of Howard, and Bertha Shedy, of Vilas.

Clyde M. Waite, of Smulton, and Elsie M. Stover, of Wolf's Store.

Charles M. Ross, of Linden Hall, and Fayde Weber, of Boalsburg.

A new water tank is being built by the Pennsylvania railroad company, near where the old tank stands, adjoining the roundhouse.

Pine Grove Mention.

Col. W. C. Patterson sold his mated team last Friday.

Mrs. W. H. Goss is recovering from a week's sick spell.

J. N. Everts, the popular salesman, is confined to his room.

Miss Ida, daughter of J. W. Sunday, is ill with typhoid fever.

George Young is housed up nursing a big carbuncle on his neck.

John Gardner, who has been ill with fever, is convalescing nicely.

Reports all along the line indicate a very light catch the first day of the fishing season.

J. C. Stuart, farmer and horseman of Spruce Creek, transacted business hereabouts on Monday.

McGee Logan, of McAlevy's Fort, spent Sunday at Bloomsdorf with his brother-in-law, Oliver Bloom.

E. W. Yeakly and E. T. Kellerman, of Scotia, transacted business in town Saturday afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Will Wagner, of Altoona, with her bright little daughter was a visitor in town in the early part of the week.

Edward Harpster, who is connected with the club house at Mt. Airy, is seriously ill with appendicitis and ailments.

L. C. Gates, one of our successful school teachers, contemplates going to Latrobe where he expects to strike it rich.

Miss Rose Randolph, of the St. Elmo, is building a new barn, 40x50 feet, with drive way in the center, to accommodate the traveling public.

A special meeting of Capt. J. O. Campbell Post No. 372, G. A. R., will be held tomorrow at 3 p. m. in their hall to arrange for memorial day exercises.

Jacob Meyers, one of the most progressive farmers and stock raisers in Pennsylvania, was greeting old friends in this section last Saturday. He was accompanied by his son Albert.

Glady's Geist, a little Miss of ten summers, gave a nice dinner party to about twenty of her Sunday school class at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ed Isenberg, of Baileyville, yesterday noon, when choice refreshments were served by the little Miss and her associates. Nothing was left undone by Mrs. Isenberg for the pleasure of the youngsters.

Though a little late we can not refrain from noting the event that on St. Patrick's day the home of John Reed, at Graysville, was all aglow. It was the celebration of Mrs. Reed's 53rd birthday. The good woman was, of course, away from home and her husband and two daughters planned and executed the surprise. About eighty guests were present and many useful and handsome presents were brought.

Smulton.

Mayme Will is visiting in Lock Haven.

Elmer Miller has erected a summer house. Our masons are kept from work by the inclement weather.

Geo. Crouse has put new shutters on his house and also expects to paint the building.

Spring Mills.

Garden making is now the general order of the day, provided snow and cold, stormy weather postpone their visitation long enough.

C. E. Finkle and family, of Rote, moved here about ten days ago to occupy the property just vacated by Ripka Bros. Mr. Finkle is stocking his store room with a large and desirable line of spring and summer goods, and will dispose of them at reasonable prices.

George Dunkle, of Centre Hall, formerly of this place, made us a flying visit a few days ago. The old veteran says he is not very strong in his lower limbs, otherwise he is enjoying good health. The venerable soldier has many warm friends here who are always glad to see him.

A very decided improvement has been made in front of the postoffice building by having a substantial walk built over to the opposite side of the street. Heretofore in wet and disagreeable weather it was impossible to cross the road when in that neighborhood without wading ankle deep in mud and filthy accumulations.

Owing to having other operations in view M. L. Duck has sold his entire business of roofing, spouting, etc., including tools and machinery, to H. I. Brian, of Bellefonte, who moved here with his family on Monday of last week. Mr. Brian is an expert mechanic and thoroughly understands the business in all its branches, and will continue at the old stand. Mr. Duck did quite a large business here and no doubt his success or will do equally as well.

It is always a pleasure to notice the successful operations of any new enterprise, the organization of a society of high repute, or any special business operations in a town or village, particularly when these interests were first assailed as unnecessary and doomed in advance to failure and ruin by idle and reckless tongues. For instance, when the present lodge of I. O. O. F. was first instituted in our village, it was predicted by some of our wisecracks, and a few men of that class who invariably display a wonderful incapacity for not minding their own business, that the lodge would have a very brief and sorry existence, and soon be numbered among the forgotten institutions of the past; boldly claiming that the organizations we had here at that time were really more than this community could well manage and support, and there was no necessity or sense in organizing any more, an absurd and ridiculous assertion of course. But what has time proven? Simply that these wisecracks and birds of ill omen, with all their predictions of misfortune and disaster, evidently father to the thought, were merely fumes and vapor, having no foundation except in their own idle and shallow minds; and of course incapable of any judgment, and had not the slightest appreciation as regards the high character of the gentlemen at the head of the movement, and gentlemen too, using a vocabulary in which there is no such word as fail. What was the natural consequence? The present lodge has been in operation since June, 1903, nearly four years, and the members have become so thoroughly schooled and proficient in the work that they are frequently called upon by other lodges to confer degrees, and often to exemplify their work. In this brief time they certainly have made rapid strides, and have grown in finance, influence and membership. Their object never was at any time to obtain mere numerical strength, that was a secondary consideration. But character, intelligence and ability has always been their chief and sole aim. And the present high standing of the lodge in the order is the result of that wise and judicious policy, adopted when they first organized. A policy, too, which would be wisdom for any organization no matter what, nor where located, to ponder and emulate. The members of lodge No. 507 may well be proud of their brilliant career. They commenced right and have kept right.

WON RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

Donald G. Herring, of Bloomsburg, Pa., Captures Prize.

Rhodes scholarship committee of the state of New Jersey, consisting of President Woodrow Wilson and Dean Henry B. Fine, of Princeton University, and President Demarest, of Rutgers College, announced as the Rhodes scholar for New Jersey, Donald Grant Herring, of Bloomsburg, Pa. He will receive his A. B. degree from Princeton in June. Herring prepared for Princeton at Lawrenceville academy, where he was prominent in literary work and athletics. In Princeton he played substitute tackle on the varsity football team for two years, and in the last two years played regularly at tackle and centre.

For the Future.

The secret of happiness is inward. People had good times when there were no friction matches, no brilliantly illuminated streets, no steamboats or railroads, no sewing machines, no postage stamps, no comfortably heated homes, no telegraphs or trolleys. The elements of happiness are not in things, but in human nature itself. But the fairer conditions, the greater opportunities, which the marvelous modern inventions afford to the masses of our humanity should augment our joy and expand our hopes. The most obvious fact of human history is that of progress. The race is following a flying and a growing ideal. It is inspired and saved by hope. Every helpful invention, every improvement of sanitary conditions, every new ray of intellectual and spiritual illumination, every scientific achievement, every amelioration of physical suffering, every new avenue of enjoyment, every victory of righteousness, every faithful deed in lowly and lofty places, increases the splendor and the power of our vision of the future.—Leslie's Weekly.

Infection.

The wife of an army officer at a western post recently had occasion to visit a small neighboring town to do some shopping at what is called the general store. She was much entertained by the variety and antiquity of the stock of goods, and as she passed out her eyes were attracted by a pile of mottoes, elaborately lettered and ornately framed, the upper one being the Scriptural passage, "Walk in love." As she passed the clerk, a dapper young man of more affability than advantages, stepped forward with the remark: "Them are the latest things in mottoes. This top one is swell to put over a young lady's door—'Walk in love.'"—Lippincott's.

Torpedo Boats.

Torpedo boats and torpedo destroyers are thin skinned, unarmed craft. Often the steel hull is only about half an inch in thickness, but they travel as fast as many railway trains, some thirty or thirty-five miles an hour. They discharge their deadly bolt and run. A dark, stormy night is their chance. Then, without a light showing, they dash in and launch their torpedo, escaping, if they can, the half of rapid fire that is sure to deluge them.—Frank E. Channon in St. Nicholas.

ZE WAS STRICKEN IN BED

Chicago, April 15.—James H. Eckels, president of the Commercial National Bank, and formerly comptroller of the currency, died at his home of organic heart disease. The death of Mr. Eckels occurred apparently while he was asleep.

The fact that he was dead was discovered by Frank Evans, a butler, who entered Mr. Eckels' room to answer a telephone ring that had continued for some time. Evans found Mr. Eckels apparently asleep. The butler called to him, and getting no response, sought to arouse the banker, only to find that the former comptroller was dead. The members of the household were summoned, and Dr. Frank Churchill was called. The doctor said that Mr. Eckels had been dead for some hours.

Mrs. Eckels and her daughter, Phoebe, 15 years old, are in Paris, where the latter is attending school. They have been abroad since last fall, and planned to return to Chicago in a few weeks. They were at once communicated with by cable.

James A. Eckels, of Princeton, Ill., father of James H. Eckels, died recently. On the day of the death of the elder Eckels the son was a host of former President Grover Cleveland. The former president and Mr. Eckels were at breakfast when the news of the father's death was received at the Eckels' residence. Mr. Eckels was kept in ignorance of the fact for several hours, until Mr. Cleveland had left the city.

It developed that the person who was trying to communicate with Mr. Eckels over the telephone, the ringing of which led to the discovery of the death, was George M. Eckels, a brother. Half an hour later the brother was called to his own telephone and informed of the death.

James Herron Eckels was born at Princeton, Ill., on November 22, 1858, and most of his life was spent in Illinois. He got his early education in the schools of Princeton. He was graduated from the Albany (N. Y.) Law School in 1880. He practiced law at Ottawa, Ill., until appointed by President Cleveland to the post of comptroller of the currency in 1893. Mr. Eckels during the agitation of the currency question became prominent as an advocate of the gold standard. Always a Democrat, he became affiliated in 1896 with the Gold Standard Democrats. He retained the office of comptroller of the currency until the end of President Cleveland's term in 1897, when he became president of the Commercial National Bank.